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From the Editor

Making a daily advancement in masonic knowledge

Masonic education offers many ways for all Freemasons to advance their knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of Freemasonry.

IN FREEMASONRY

Yourself

Look at the Freemasons New Zealand public website and social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, FMNZ YouTube Channel), read our education booklets and ceremonial (a big surprise at the beginning of this is in the general instructions (with all the answers you didn't know to ask), study the Book of Constitution, and read your Lodge By-Laws.

In the Lodge

Find a Lodge Mentor you trust who will support you as a newer Freemason. The lodge may have already matched you with someone. If not, ask!

Ask your Master for 5 to 15 minutes of masonic education after the work of the evening is done or a meeting devoted just to masonic education.

Go to all your meetings so you can be actively involved in your lodge and its decisions, witness ceremonies, help with charitable projects and learn your lodge's customs and practices.

Visit as often as your situation in life allows, as you can (to paraphrase) 'to see the greater masonic world and expand your mind' and make life-long fraternal friendships.

Research Lodges

Join a Research Lodge. There is probably one in your Masonic District for serious seekers of knowledge and education and potential Masonic researchers.

Royal Arch

After a couple of years as a Master Mason investigate the possibility of the next three Degrees in pure and ancient Freemasonry in the Royal Arch. royalarch.org.nz

Other Masonic Orders

When you are comfortable with your Freemasonry and have the time to spare, explore some of the other 'Masonic Orders' available in New Zealand. freemasons.nz.org/other-masonic-bodies

OUTSIDE FREEMASONRY

Socialise with others and have discussions on interesting, serious subjects; seek further education (both theoretical and practical); understand what is going on in New Zealand and the World (by all the means available to us); join in community events and organisations; travel as this expands the mind; and work with yourself, your partner, family, and friends to be the best man you can be for them and yourself using the principles of Freemasonry.

RWBro Duane Williams MBE, KCLJ, JP, PGW and GSec

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Lodge [^] Education

HOT OFF THE PRESS



Your Divisional Grand Master will provide more details in the near future.

SAVE THE DATES!

2024 Annual Communication

The Annual Communication 2024 is being held at the Auckland Freemasons Centre, 181 Khyber Pass Road, Auckland on **9 November 2024**, either in person or virtually by video-conferencing. It will be from 10 am to no later than 3 pm, but probably earlier, with Refreshments in between.

Make sure your Lodge is represented in person or virtually by getting your Lodge Commission/Proxy in by 4 October 2024.

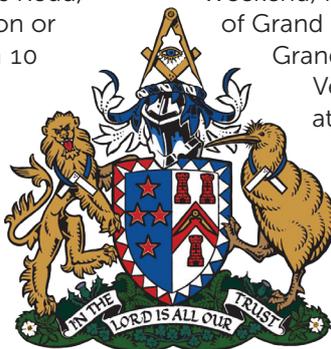
Visit the website for details as they become available: freemasons.nz.org/annual-communication-2024

2025 Grand Installation and Communication

This is being held from **24 to 26 October 2025** (Labour Weekend) in Christchurch. It will see the Business Session of Grand Lodge and the Grand Installation of the new Grand Master and his Officers of Grand Lodge.

Venues include the James Hay Theatre at the Christchurch Town Hall, Te Pae Convention Centre and Crowne Plaza as the preferred hotel.

Visit the website for details as they become available: freemasons.nz.org/2025-grand-installation-and-grand-communication



GRAND MASTER'S VISITS

20 Apr Trentham Lodge No 262 Installation and Centennial Celebrations Deputy Grand Master attended as the Grand Master was unwell. Trentham Freemasons Centre and Te Marua Golf Club.

24 Apr Lodge Zetland No 312 Installation of Bro Andrew Cowie – Executive Director as Master, including a visit from the Hardy Norsemen. Wellington Freemasons Centre

7 May Freemasons University Scholarships (including Lawson-Smith, Orakei and Heartland) at Parliament in the Legislative Council Chamber and Grand Hall.

18 May United Horowhenua Lodge No 464 Installation and 25th Celebrations and 50-Year Service Badge. Levin Freemasons Centre.

8 Jun Ancient and Accepted Rite for New Zealand (Rose Croix) Installation of Inspector General for the Wellington District, Petone Freemasons Centre

13 Jun Lodge Rangitikei No 38 – 70-Year Service Bar, 50-Year Service Badge and Roll of Honour. Freemasons Centre Marton.

29 Jun Lodge Otangaki No 70 Installation of Widows Sons Master. Ashhurst Freemasons Centre.

3 Jul Waihenga St Marks Lodge No 37 60-Year Service Bar, Freemasons EV Charging Station Launch and Installation. Martinborough Freemasons Centre.

6 Jul Lodge Matariki No 476 Installation and Matariki Dinner. Kings College Otahuhu, Auckland.

8 Jul Lodge Pukemiro No 301 A daylight lodge special visit. Hamilton East Freemasons Centre.



FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Freemasons New Zealand: A Unified Charitable Force for the Community

As you read this article, brethren, I urge you to reflect on a simple yet profound question: When considering all the excellent work your Lodge and the Freemasons Charity accomplish in the name of Freemasonry, how much of it has been funded by your personal contribution?

In the First Degree, in the Northeast Corner, we challenge you. On behalf of newly made Brothers, we customarily awaken their charitable feelings by making a claim on their charity, as their circumstances in life may fairly warrant. Any contribution, therefore, is thankfully received and faithfully applied.

It is a sobering thought that 99% of the work we do rests on the efforts of our forebears, not ours. So, brethren, after reading about all the excellent work we are doing, are we paying our fair share, or are we benefiting from the hard work of our forefathers?

Revamping Our Charitable Structure

Freemasonry's charitable activities are the shop window of our organisation

in New Zealand, showcasing our commitment to positive community impact. Recently, significant changes have been made to our charitable structure, unifying various entities into a cohesive and efficient organisation. This new structure not only streamlines our operations but also enhances our ability to serve those in need more effectively.

The combining of the management of our charities has brought numerous benefits. It has allowed us to pool resources, share expertise, and implement more strategic initiatives. By working together under a unified structure, we achieve greater outcomes and ensure that our charitable efforts are more impactful. The Potter Masonic Trust is now part of our umbrella of "Charities," administered by the newly structured Charities Management Committee (CMC) alongside The Freemasons Charity, Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust, and Lawson-Smith Freemasons Education Trust.

As Neville Patrick, Chair of the GL Trustees, remarked:

"For decades, the GL trustees have managed the allocation of funds for the Potter Trust, Lawson Smith Trust, and Hugh McDougall Rankin Trust and have often found themselves in a Judge/Jury situation and agonized over which applicant for funding was more deserving. In 2023, we created a system based on five essential criteria to judge each application and we are now using a computerised traffic light system for funding decisions. These criteria are also available to the applicants to ensure that they are applying for the right reasons.

The Potter Trust, focused on children's health, education, development, and wellbeing, provides over \$1m annually, making a significant community impact."

Embracing Outcome-Based Charities

We have shifted to being "outcome-based" charities, focusing on tangible results and positive changes our support brings to recipients and communities. This approach ensures our resources are used effectively, benefiting those we support and enhancing the reputation and credibility of Freemasonry.

In early 2024, we streamlined the Charity's evaluation criteria to support outcome-based applications and projects. Grants from The Freemasons Charity now address:

- ◆ **Relief of Need:** Providing immediate relief to individuals and families unable to access

necessary support, especially the aged, infirm, incapacitated, or economically disadvantaged.

- ◆ **Improving Individual Lives:** Supporting scholarships and personal development with broad societal benefits.
- ◆ **Advantage Mankind:** Funding innovative medical research and other projects that have far-reaching impacts.
- ◆ **Community Benefits:** Supporting national and local projects that enrich lives and relieve sickness or distress.
- ◆ **Active Participation by Freemasons:** Encouraging active participation by Freemasons, building understanding, and demonstrating Masonic values.
- ◆ **Demonstration of the Values of Freemasonry:** Demonstrating and assisting in the development of respect, leadership, enjoyment, charity and welfare, and compassion.

Our Grand Almoner and Chair of the Charities Management Committee VVBro Jeff Mear stated: "As Freemasons, our core principle is charity, rooted in our beliefs of brotherly love and relief. The Freemasons Charity is our primary avenue to uphold these values. This charity serves as the cornerstone for every lodge and brother in the country and in each year, we allocate our funds to



Some of the Grand Masters of Australia along with our Grand Master.

various charitable causes throughout New Zealand.

In addition to our yearly commitments such as Child Health, Hospital Packs, Camp Quality, Camp Purple, our university scholarships programme, and short-term projects like the Malaghan Institute and most recently Special Olympics 2025, funding is always set aside to support the following activities which includes.

- ◆ District Projects
- ◆ Special projects
- ◆ Critical Need Grants
- ◆ Assistance Grants

However, it is these last two areas that truly embody our principles of brotherly love and relief, as we assist those facing hardship and need. These values are integral to our mission, guiding us to support the aged, the infirm, those who are incapacitated, and those experiencing sickness or stress, ultimately alleviating the discomfort of those in need."

Inclusion of Non-Masons: Enhancing Our Efforts

A notable change in our structure is the involvement of non-masons on our management committee, bringing fresh perspectives and expertise. Their diverse experiences help us innovate and enhance our charitable activities. Amanda Chappel, on the Charities Management Committee, offers a unique perspective and additional skill set that is unconstrained by our organisational norms and culture.

Grand Almoner VWBro Jeff Mear, as Chair of the CMC, supports a

well-rounded and adaptable committee, bolstering each member's individual skillset and expertise. With new committee members to be appointed soon, each division of Freemasons NZ will be represented on the committee, along with a Grand Lodge Trustee representative.

Leveraging Technology: Modernising Our Approach

Technology has also played a crucial role in modernising our charitable activities. Bianca Twort, our Charity Administrator, has seen her role evolve by integrating innovative technologies, streamlining processes, improving communication, and enhancing our outreach efforts. This technological advancement has increased the efficiency and effectiveness of our charitable initiatives.

In early 2022, after extensive planning and beta testing, SmartyGrants was rolled out to the Masons as the one-stop shop for our new grant application, assessment, approval, and accountability process.

"SmartyGrants is a hosted grants management solution that simplifies the process of receiving, assessing, managing, and communicating about applications, automates tasks, and allows grantmakers to track, report on, and visualise the flow of data and grantee outcomes." – SmartyGrants

SmartyGrants has not only modernised the Charities approach to granting, but it also continues our commitment

to transparency and good corporate governance. The system provides reporting and audit functionality which has allowed for expanding the ways in which we view and report on our charitable outcomes – also allowing for further streamlining to our granting process and procedure.

"The inclusion of SmartyGrants in our charitable granting process has provided an opportunity for closer working relationships between National Office and Masons out in the field. We have been able to better directly engage the Divisional Grand Almoners, District Charity Officers, and Lodge Secretaries in the activities of the charity with Masons leading the cause in true grassroots fashion." – Bianca Twort, Charity Administrator.

The Freemasons Charity now administers/ manages the following programs through our own SmartyGrants hub:

- ◆ Lodge/District Projects (all divisions)
- ◆ Critical Need Grants (all divisions)
- ◆ Assistance Grants (all divisions)
- ◆ Charity Jewel Programme
- ◆ Potter Masonic Trust
- ◆ Freemasons University Scholarships
- ◆ Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust Secondary Scholarship
- ◆ Lawson-Smith Freemasons Education Trust Scholarship
- ◆ Heartland Bank Freemasons Scholarship



Visiting the South Australian Research Centre for Degenerative Brain Diseases, which Freemasons NZ is supporting (see page 21).

Extending Our Services: Supporting Other Trusts

We aim to extend our services to other trusts operating under the Masonic name, sharing resources and expertise to support their charitable activities and ensure the excellent work of Freemasonry reaches more people in need.

A Unified Impact: Telling Our Story

Our goal is to prepare a Joint Charitable Impact Report covering all our activities, including National Charities, Freemasons Foundation, aged care trusts, Lodge trusts, and Lodge activities. This comprehensive report will tell the story of our total contribution to New Zealand communities, highlighting our collective impact and positive changes.

As we continue building on the foundation laid by our predecessors, let us strive to contribute our fair share to the charitable activities of Freemasonry. By working together and embracing these changes, we ensure our legacy of charity and community service thrives for generations to come.

MWBro Jim Watt
Grand Master

News clips

Calling All Greater Wellington and Wairarapa Locals! Join Us for a Fun-Filled Launch Event!

We are super excited to announce the opening of Martinborough's first public central EV charging station at the Waihenga St Marks Lodge. This launch marks the start of Freemasons New Zealand's mission to bring EV charging stations to smaller communities.

Event Details:

Date: 3rd July 2024
Time: 4-5.30 PM

Venue: Waihenga St Marks Lodge, 39 Strasbourge Street, Martinborough

What to Expect:

- ◆ A fun ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Martin Connelly and Freemasons NZ Grand Master Jim Watt
- ◆ Delicious nibbles and mulled wine
- ◆ Meet and greet with friendly community members

- ◆ Learn more about our green initiative. We'd love to hear any questions you have about the project, the Freemasons in your town, or Freemasonry in general.
- ◆ A special exhibition of the Masonic Travelling Museum, featuring historical artifacts and stories of Freemasonry in New Zealand, currently at our lodge
- ◆ A peek inside an active lodge room

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of celebration, community spirit, and a peek into the future of sustainable travel in Martinborough. Your presence will make this event truly special!

Contact Information:

Email: evchargers@freemasons.nz

Don't miss out on this exciting event. We can't wait to see you there!



Warm Up with Mulled Wine at our EV Charger Launch!



Join us for a night of innovation and festive cheer.

Date: 3rd July 2024 **Time:** 4-5.30 PM

Venue: Waihenga St Marks Lodge, 39 Strasbourge Street, Martinborough

Celebrating Matariki with Lodge Matariki No 476



Lodge Matariki No 476, located in South Auckland, is the newest lodge under The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, proudly bearing a Māori name that resonates with all New Zealanders. This year, on the 6th of July 2024, our Grand Master, Jim Watt, will attend their Annual Installation and a Special Matariki Dinner at King's College in Ōtāhuhu, where Brother Bodie Johnson

will be installed as the new Master. This event highlights the cultural significance of Matariki and the lodge's commitment to embracing Māori heritage.

Matariki, known as the Pleiades star cluster, marks the beginning of the Māori New Year. Its first rising in late June or early July is a time for remembrance, reflection, and renewal, as it signals the start of a new cycle in the Māori lunar

calendar. This year, the Matariki public holiday will fall on Friday, the 28th of June, providing a special opportunity for all New Zealanders to engage in celebrations and honour this important time.

The festival of Matariki is a time to honour ancestors, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Traditionally, it was a period for harvesting and preparing the land for the coming year,

marked by cultural practices such as waiata (song), haka (dance), and kai (food). Today, Matariki has grown into a nationwide celebration that includes art exhibitions, concerts, food festivals, and cultural workshops, bringing together communities from all backgrounds.

The public holiday for Matariki, established in 2022, underscores the growing recognition of its importance in New Zealand culture. It



provides an opportunity for everyone to engage in the festivities, learn about Māori traditions, and appreciate the interconnectedness of all living things—a concept known as whakapapa. As we celebrate Matariki, we are reminded of the importance of family, community, and the enduring spirit that defines New Zealand.

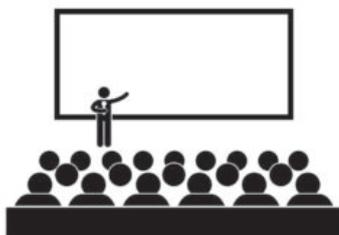
Join us in celebrating Matariki, a time to reflect on the past year, set intentions for the future, and cherish the rich cultural heritage that makes New Zealand unique.



2024 Seminars

Presentations on Lodge Trustees, Property and Insurance and the Operational Review of The Grand Lodge of New Zealand at the request of the Grand Master and Board of Directors.

These are for Lodge Trustees, those involved with Lodge Property and Insurance and especially Freemasons who want to contribute to the Operation Review Draft Proposals. All three presentations



should be of interest to all Freemasons.

Seminars Timetable

Our Grand Master and the Board of Directors have arranged a series of Seminars on three important topics: information sharing on the Duties of Lodge Trustees, Lodge Properties/ Insurance, presentation of initial findings, and further dialogue on the Operational Review.

- ◆ 8 June 2024 Dunedin Freemasons Centre (Manor Place)
- ◆ 9 June 2024 Ferry Road Freemasons Centre (Christchurch)
- ◆ 15 June 2024 Petone Freemasons Centre (Wellington)

- ◆ 16 June 2024 Palmerston North Freemasons Centre (Amesbury Street)
- ◆ 22 June 2024 Auckland Freemasons Centre (181 Khyber Pass Road)
- ◆ 23 June 2024 Cambridge Freemasons Centre (Bryce Street)

A webinar was filmed at the Christchurch Seminar and the links to Part One – Trustees/Property/ Insurance here and Part Two – Draft Operational Review [here](#) for all members who can not attend with any questions and suggestions to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary secretary@freemasons.nz who will pass them onto the Presenters.

All meetings are from 10 am to no later than



3 pm. Morning Slot will be Lodge Trustees/Property & Insurance and Afternoon Slot will be the Operational Review. Light Refreshments will be provided.

Two in each Division.

It is important that all Lodge Trustees, those involved with Lodge Properties and interested Freemasons attend and participate in these seminars so that your voice can be heard.

All this information, including presentations, resources and webinars, can be found at freemasons.nz/2024-seminars

Organisational Citizenship Behaviour and Freemasonry

All organisations, including our own, are created by individuals with the organisational aims being set by individuals, and ultimately whether these aims are achieved depends on individuals and their efforts expended.

That's a long-winded way of saying that Freemasonry is structured like all other organisations in the way it operates. That being said, no organisation comes about without having been created by a single or group of individuals.

Some members will choose to work in a way that will benefit their organisation and other members explicitly decide not to and this is often a source of challenge that the governance of the organisation seeks to address usually by the issuance of guidelines and in the case of Freemasons

NZ that being the Book of Constitution together with the Collective Rulings of the Board.

Organisational Citizenship Behaviour (OCB) is generally defined as a member's behaviour that is discretionary, not directly or explicitly recognised by the formal reward system and promotes the efficient and effective functioning of the organisation.

We have all heard the words in the Charter Charge and the importance to us as Freemasons of the Book of Constitution, the Collective Rulings of the Board and their respective role as our ultimate guide.

To delve a little further, there are five accepted dimensions of OCB as below and they provide the guide to classify the interactions of individuals as well as the motivators.

So by now, you're probably wondering at this point, why or what is that Executive Director of ours on about?

Well allow me to expand on that for you. The reason I have been doing some in depth reading about this is it aligns to some other study I am doing, and the 5 dimensions framework aligns nicely with values that we as Freemasons strive to always espouse.

Here at National Office, we dedicate our time servicing you, our members and the organisation, as best we can with the resources to hand to achieve the aims of the Freemasonry. That means we are also driven to be careful stewards of the financial resources and other assets that you put under our care.

FMNZ has consumed hundreds of FTE hours



Executive Director Andrew Cowie.

resolving problems as well as direct costs of flying mediators around the country to adjudicate disputes. These expenses detract from having those scarce resources applied to improve the desired outcomes of the organisation.

Expenditure on matters of discipline, usually driven by a departure from our values and the application of the dimensions of OCB could be generally avoided if we took the time to apply courtesy, sportsmanship, civic virtue,

Dimension

Description of exhibited Behaviour

Altruism	"Helping other members of the organisation in their tasks"
Conscientiousness	Dedication to the job and desire to exceed formal requirements in aspects such as punctuality or conservation of resources"
Civic virtue	"Responsibly participating in the life of the organisation"
Sportsmanship	"Accepting less than ideal circumstances"
Courtesy	"Preventing problems deriving from the work relationship"

Organ's (1988) Classification of Dimensions of Organisational Citizenship Behaviour



conscientiousness and altruism.

There are two primary sources of income to fund National Office these being:

1. Capitation is our yearly income from all members, it equates to less than 50% of our expenses and
2. Investment income by way of interest and commissions that supports the remaining expenses.

That investment income is there from those who have come before us, who have bequeathed some of their estate or to the many of us with savings in Freemasons Scheme at Heartland Bank. It would be preferable to be using that to advance the organisation rather than for it to be spent on non-value added activities.

I have looked at where opportunities exist to save costs or generate revenue streams at National Office and one revenue opportunity is the launch of the EV charger project.

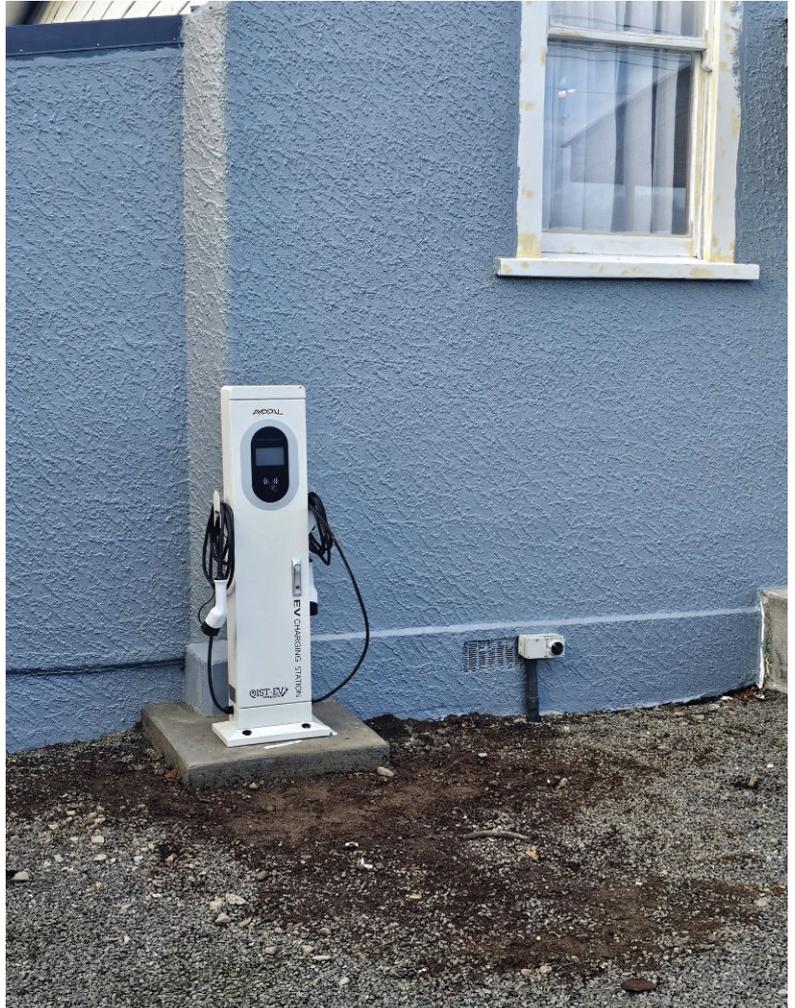
On July 3rd, FMNZ in partnership with Thundergrid and supported by JB Were, will be hosting the Grand Master and the Mayor of South Wairarapa to officiate at the official opening of the

two charging stations at Waihenga St Marks Lodge located at 39 Strasbourge Stret in Martinborough.

This pilot is designed to allow FMNZ and we have built a project that has looked at the equipment with two different types of charge station, the billing solution provided by Thundergrid, the hardware and infrastructure for the Lodge building, the ease of access for the consumer.

We are also interested in seeing the side benefits for the local community of having an off street, easily accessible charging solution that allows the consumer to plug in and encourages the consumer to explore the town and its offerings.

Having the chargers on our property allows us to increase the utilisation of the property and to free up car parks from around the town that might have a charger located on



EV chargers installed outside Waihenga St Mark's Lodge, Martinborough.

them and thus keeps park available for general use.

So a bit of an amble through the behaviours of an organisation members, the direct impact that not applying there and our Masonic values on the

financial viability and a potentially positive pilot project that might well raise our profile and help us into the future.

WBro Andrew Cowie
Executive Director

Making a difference in New Zealand

All the fun of the playground

When Cyclone Gabrielle hit us hard in February 2023, Freemasons across New Zealand stepped up big time! Our Grand Master Jim Watt wasted no time and set up the Grand Master's Cyclone Relief fund, which received donations and relief offers nationwide from Freemasons and lodges. Thanks to everyone's efforts, especially our amazing leadership team and the tireless members from Eastland Ruahine District, we've turned a challenging time into a win for our community.

Working in close partnership with Napier City

Council and the honourable Mayor Kirsten Wise, our District Grand Master, Kevin Jackson, focused on meaningful ways to contribute to the recovery efforts. This collaboration led to a heartfelt project that not only aids in healing but also enriches our community.

Fast forward to April 2024: We've just helped open a new playground at Gleeson Park! Thanks to a \$30k donation from Freemasons NZ, kids and families in Napier now have a spinning carousel to enjoy! It's all about bringing smiles back to those affected by



the cyclone and creating a happy space for future generations.



A massive thank you to Napier City Council and everyone who made this happen.

Grand Lodge raises a Master Mason

The June Regular meeting of Lodge Eckford No.334, Blenheim, at the Charles Street Masonic Centre was a special evening. This night, combining the lodge's Grand Lodge official visit from the Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast District, was a degree working. Bro Cook was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Lodge Master WBro Webb requested the visiting Officers of Grand Lodge to conduct the ritual on

this evening. It was a real team effort, with brethren from both Nelson and Marlborough fulfilling charges and taking up Officers' chairs. Visiting brethren witnessed a unique night.

WBro Robertson, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, was in the chair for the ceremony. District GM VWBro Keenan delivered the test questions to Bro Cook, who, by all accounts, had thoroughly learned and

revised this aspect of the ceremony. VWBro Keenan delivered the Traditional History in the latter part of the ceremony.

The Officers of Grand Lodge from the Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast District had much anticipation on their shoulders. Each brought years of learning and practice to the evening.

They especially wanted to give Bro Cook a night to remember. A large

contingent of visitors filled the lodge, with Eckford brethren looking on.

The Lodge will conduct another third degree in July on Bro Manlod, another keen candidate providing a rosy future for the lodge. WBro Webb delivered a report to Grand Lodge with much thought and pride in his address on the prospects of Lodge Eckford.



United Horowhenua Lodge 464 celebrates 25 years and 50 years

Our Grand Master Jim Watt and Penny visited United Horowhenua Lodge No 464 for their 25th Celebration and Installation and a 50-Year Service Badge presentation at the

Horowhenua Freemasons Centre. United Horowhenua No 464 was formed from Horowhenua Lodge No 135 and Levin Lodge No 386 in 1999, when MWBro Mike Pope PGM was the Grand

Master and signed their Charter, and he was present on this occasion too.

Lloyd Reynolds was Installed as the new Master this year, and WBro Kerry Nicholls PGS, along with his

wife, Cheryl, received his 50-Year Service Badge.

The banquet's full Refectory included Freemasons and Partners, Widows, Potential Candidates, and the Levin Mayor and Mayoress.



Grand Master, Kerry, Cheryl and Penny and Master Lloyd Reynolds investing his Immediate Past Master Wayne Roberts

Piping in Kilbirnie

The National Youth Pipe Band of New Zealand showcased its programme, which was part of the official Anzac Ceremony at the National War Memorial - Pukeahu in Wellington on Anzac Day, outside the National Office of Freemasons New Zealand in Kilbirnie, Wellington.

They have great talent and enthusiasm, and many

of them are getting ready to attend an International Piping Workshop in Canada,

where they will work with experts and peers from throughout the World.

The skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums stopped traffic and woke Kilbirnie!



Making a difference in New Zealand

Cheering On Onslow College Rowers at NISSC with Freemasons NZ!

Big shoutout from Freemasons New Zealand! We're buzzing with

excitement for Onslow College Rowing's team, who just crushed it at the North

Island Secondary School Rowing Championships in Karapiro (NISSC)!

Our grant from the Wellington Masonic Youth Trust helped 43 talented rowers hit the water, making rowing accessible and amplifying their team spirit.

Onslow's ethos? Building excellence and resilience in young people through the challenge of rowing.

Their achievements? Stellar! With multiple finals appearances, these rowers are not just athletes; they're champions of teamwork and personal growth.

The best part about their program? Their program makes rowing accessible to all, allowing students to dive into this demanding sport, enhancing their fitness and well-being.

We're proud to back these young stars and celebrate their success! Here's to making waves and building futures together.



Special Olympics Joint Lodge Donation

Special Olympics Howick-Pakuranga was delighted to receive a generous donation of \$5,000 for the second time, from the joint Southeast Auckland Freemason lodges of Wairoa No.55, Howick No.314 and The Pakuranga Lodge No.416, supported also by The Howick Freemasons Charitable Trust and The Freemason Charity.

Special Olympics Howick-Pakuranga Club offers sporting opportunities for people of all ages and ethnicities who have intellectual disabilities. Volunteers run weekly

training sessions in seven different sports – Athletics, Basketball, Indoor Bowls, Powerlifting, Swimming,

Table Tennis and Tenpin Bowling. Regular local, regional and national competition

events provide participation opportunities at all levels of ability.

Through the power of sport, athletes gain better health, confidence, friendships, a sense of achievement and become better members of the wider community.

All Special Olympics Howick-Pakuranga activities are entirely dependent on grants, sponsorship and donations.

With thanks to the three local Freemasons lodges - this donation is greatly appreciated and will certainly help to make a difference.



The Westland Adventure

Early February my wife Susanne and I left Christchurch on our annual caravan adventure with me packing my PM apron and appropriate clothing for visiting first Lodge Awatere in Blenheim then lunch with VWBro HS Thomson & family in Nelson. Golden Bay was the final destination with golf sun and relaxation. Whilst there an email arrived from the DistGM VWBro C Thorndycroft that The Widows Sons Motor Cycle group were heading for the Advance Mawhera Lodge No 61 February 21st Regular Meeting by dispensation to accommodate them on their way to Westport for The Lodge Robert Burns No 50 Installation Saturday 23rd March. We were ultimately heading for Gentle Annie north of Westport so replied we would be there and off we went first to Hokitika then Greymouth where we met up with 8 local Widows Sons. The meeting at Shantytown was preceded by dinner at Montieth's

Ale House and was a great success as was the Lodge Meeting with VWBro S Rountree G Lec explaining The Widows Sons, RWBro P W T Robertson PGW explaining Westland Lodges history and amalgamations and the Junior Warden giving an excellent rendition of the 1st Degree Tracing Board. In the meantime VWBro Norman Young PDistGM and a former member of United Forces Lodge No 450 passed to the Grand Lodge Above so about 20 Canterbury masons and wives attended his funeral on the Friday before heading to Westport: Cars, Motorcycles, Caravan, Dogs. Saturday morning all went their different ways Denniston, shopping, touring etc. Off to the Lodgerooms for 1.30 tiling the array of motorcycles outside was awesome. The Installation ceremony was Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast ritual with an ex-pat Australian being installed. Widows Sons Brethren from all over the South Island and



Wellington were prominent in the proceedings which were a real treat to witness. The refectory was exuberant and included our ladies some sporting the fruits of their retail therapy as well as a Cantabrian Piper and Address to the Haggis which was eloquently recited. The Tylers Toast about 5PM ended official proceedings and the Cantabrians who were mainly staying in the same holiday park used the BBQ area to end the evening on a high note with

Bro's Glen Fiddich & Johnny Walker accompanying our guitarist who had also sung an ode to Robbie Burns in refectory. 9 AM Sunday we surprised the owner of PR's Diner Westport with 20 + Freemasons wives motorcycles dogs etc arriving for breakfast. (He was expecting a quiet day ha ha) The Chrysler V8 club had a show opposite but Freemasons ruled in Westport this weekend. So motorcycles, cars caravan and dogs head east after a wonderful weekend which could/should be replicated more frequently.

Our next adventure is to Advance Mawhera Lodge Installation at Shantytown Greymouth 1st Saturday in May then Waitohi Lodge No111 Picton 11th May. Why not join us?

VWBro Gerald Robertson PGDC



Making a difference in New Zealand

The Hardy Norsemen

Congratulations to member Andrew Cowie MM, National Office's Executive Director, who has been installed as the Worshipful Master of the historic Lodge Zetland No. 312 in Wellington. This is a significant occasion, and we are thrilled to see him take on this distinguished role.

Lodge Zetland, with its traditions stemming from its founding members who journeyed from the Shetland Islands in Scotland, holds a special place in New Zealand's masonic history. Constituted in 1945 by Lord Newall, then Grand Master and Governor General of New Zealand, it has retained its unique heritage, with traditions like the 'Visit from The Hardy Norsemen' reminding us of the adventurous spirit of its founders.

The Installation Ceremony was honoured by the presence of both the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, making it a truly special occasion. Lodge Zetland is one of the



few Lodges in New Zealand where the Master and Officers serve a two-year term, providing stability and continuity to the Lodge.

We raise a toast to Worshipful Brother Cowie and the entire Lodge Zetland, echoing the traditions of the lodges' Shetland ancestors. May the

Lodge continue to thrive under his leadership, guided by wisdom and fortified by the same spirit that has defined it for decades.

Auckland Freemasons run for fun

Big cheers to Team Freemasons for smashing it at the Round the Bays in Auckland on March 3rd, 2024! We're super proud to see our crew, over 100 strong, mixing it up with running, jogging, and walking – all while rocking those striking white Freemasons tees.

We were absolutely buzzing to see our team out there with 27,000 other folks! And the fun didn't end at the finish line. The Freemasons Marquee at Madills Farm was abuzz with energy as we displayed our medals, exchanged laughs, and savoured some

well-earned refreshments, all thanks to the fantastic team led by our Grand Almoner, Jeff Mear.

This event's a brilliant way for us to show what we're all about – getting stuck in with the community, spreading the word about our charity work, and just having a great time with our Freemason mates and their families.

Massive shoutout to everyone who was part of this – you are all amazing! We already can't wait to see what next year brings for the team



Freemasons Step in to Save the Day for Duffy Books!

At the start of the year, our member Allan Bartlett saw a news report on Seven Sharp about the theft of a Duffy Books Trailer in Auckland. The trailer is vital for bringing books to kids in schools as part of The Alan Duff Charitable Foundation's mission to break the cycle of booklessness.

Thanks to Allan's quick action and our longstanding support for Duffy Books, we were able to step in and fund the replacement trailer through The Freemasons Charity.

We proudly unveiled the new trailer at Beach Haven Primary School in Auckland.

Seven Sharp made a heartwarming mention of this initiative. We are thrilled to continue supporting Duffy Books in their incredible work for young Kiwis.



Making a difference in New Zealand

HAVE YOUR SAY

- ◆ Write a letter to the Editor – preferably 300 words maximum.
- ◆ Submit an Opinion piece – 800 words plus a 100-word author biography, and a photo.

Publicity for your community events – 3 steps

BEFORE Ensure someone is responsible for publicity, arrange for a photographer, plan photographs, involve recipients and find a hook that would interest local media.

DURING Seize good photo opportunities, concentrate on 'action' not 'satisfaction', get names for captions, make notes. If media comes ensure that they are looked after and opportunities set up.

AFTER Act quickly to spread the word, send press release and captioned high resolution photo, focussing on a newsworthy aspect to local media, district and divisional newsletter and NZ Freemason.

Making a difference in New Zealand

Hilda Roe Field – 101 years old – celebrating our widows

Hilda Elliott was born on 13 May 1923 in Te Kuiti, the sixth child to Gabriel and Leila Elliott (nee Mossman).

During her teenage years Hilda was a member of the Girl Guides where she learned Morse Code and Flag Semaphore; at 101 years old, she can still recite the Morse Code alphabet and demonstrate the Semaphore Signal language.

As a 19-year-old Hilda joined the Army and was sent to the Papakura Army Camp to complete her WAAC (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) training. The huge canteen at the camp served three battalions and trainees before they travelled overseas. Dinner was served sharp at 5:00pm and by early evening, hunger pangs saw them going to the canteen to buy Barley Sugar sweets or Maderia cake. Consequently, when they returned to the tailor for a second fitting of their uniforms they were 'hailed over the coals' when they registered weight gains.

Following her Army training, Hilda was sent to Motutapu Island. Major

Arthur Yates was the commanding officer, with six other Officers in attendance. She remembers the message distinctly ... "You are now at Fort Motu, set up to defend Auckland. Everything will remain confidential". Secrecy was of the utmost importance no cameras, swimming, letter writing, civilian clothing – always in uniform. Male and female were treated equally as were Privates, Bombardiers and Sergeants. There was absolutely no socialising with the men, on or off duty - they were always to be on the alert. Daily attire was 'Battle Dress', complete with boots, putties, tin hats with a gas mask stored in a shoulder bag.

Fort Motu on Motutapu Island was patrolled 24-hours a day by Gunners, who worked an 8-hour shift; they marched around the cliffs of the coastline armed with rifles and bayonets. Trucks driven by three very strong WAACs (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) transported the Gunners to and from the barracks. The WACCs had

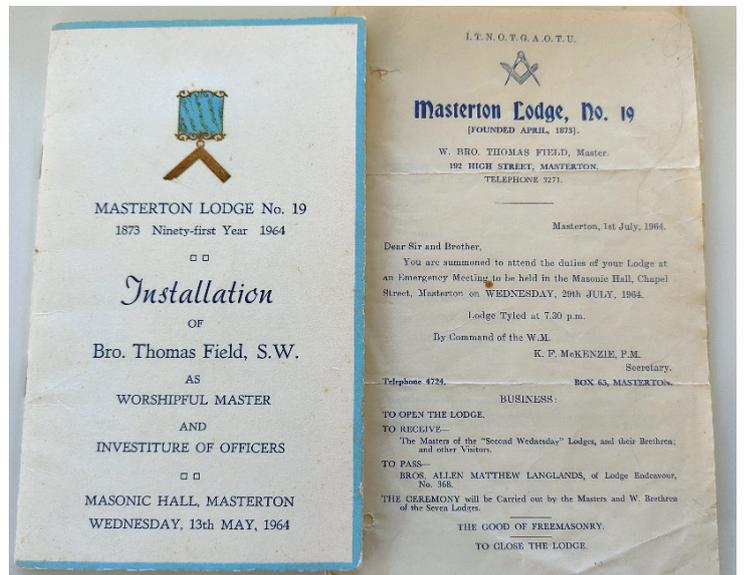
two duties 'The Observation Post' on the hill or The Tunnel; this underground concrete building housed the telephone exchange in one room and in the other was a huge plotting table full of gadgets and at night information was fed into the electronic equipment. Every half-hour Sentries at the Naval Base on Motutapu and Rakino Islands studied the information to devise defence plans. During every 8-hour shift, at The Observation Post and in The Tunnel during World War II, both Morse Code and Flag Semaphore were used to report on the movement of a range of vessels, as they passed the Rangitoto Channel – freight - The Red Cross Ships – Submarines. Corporal Tom Field was a cook and served meals in The Mess, on Motutapu Island – and only occasionally, dared to wave or greet Hilda with a cherry "Hello". During World War II, Tom served in both the NZ Army and the Airforce; Hilda wrote letters to the various stations in The Pacific, to which Tom was posted



(Soloman Islands, Santos New Hebrides, Guadalcanal)

In 1945, Hilda returned to Te Kuiti and Tom returned to New Zealand. In 1946 Tom was discharged from the RNZAF and made contact with Hilda – their friendship flourished.

Hilda and Tom were married on 29 March 1947, they lived in Hawera where Tom became a skilled Baker and was very keen to 'own his own business' - this became a reality when they





moved to Masterton in 1952. On Monday 1 April 1952, they purchased a 'rather run-down' Home Cookery business and were offered the opportunity to rent a modest home at 99 Lincoln Road, for a duration of two years. At the time, The Home Cookery had plenty of competition from the eight similar businesses that were already established, as well as a number of local cafeterias, that also sold baked goods. Tom and Hilda were committed to the business and worked tirelessly to establish its high rank among the opposition. The entrance to the back of the business via Chapel Street, was right next door to the Masonic Hall. In March of 1956, Tom joined the Masonic United Lodge of Masterton No. 19. and on the occasion of Hilda's 41st birthday in 1964 Tom became Worshipful Master. This prestigious degree of masonry represents a culmination of knowledge, experience and commitment acquired through a journey of personal growth and development within the Masonic fraternity. In 1979, at the end of Tom's pinnacle of achievement and steadfast dedication to the

craft's principles, they moved to Auckland. In 1999 they moved to Hawkes Bay and Tom was involved in visiting the Woburn Lodge No 25 in Waipukurau.

Hilda was a great support to Tom during his time at The Lodge and together they enjoyed a great social life at many of the Masonic events across New Zealand. Their friendship circle was widened and enriched through their connection with The Masonic Lodge.

Following Tom's death in 2007, Hilda moved back to Auckland and lived with her son Stan and his wife Christine, always retaining a connection to the various Lodges that they had been involved with and maintaining contact with their members. In 2019 Hilda moved to Metlifecare Highland Park in Pakuranga, Auckland and since then, has been a member of Lodge Howick No 314 – Ladies Division. Hilda relishes the visitors that she gets from The Lodge and is always most welcoming and appreciative of our company and we always enjoy her conversations and interesting stories.

The broken column – the widow's pin

Did you know that the broken column in Freemasonry symbolises the untimely death of a Mason?

In Freemasonry, the broken column represents a life cut short, an important reminder of the fragility of life.

It serves as a poignant symbol, showing respect and remembrance for

Masons who have passed away unexpectedly.

The Masonic Widows' Pin, featuring this broken column encircled by a laurel wreath, extends this symbolism further by honouring the widow of a brother Mason.

Understanding these symbols deepens your appreciation of Freemasonry's rich

traditions and the profound respect Masons hold for their brethren.

Recognizing the significance of the Widows' Pin highlights the fraternity's dedication to supporting and honouring the families of Masons, offering a sense of belonging and continuity.



Grand Installations

United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT Grand Lodge of Western Australia



masons.au/news/Grand-Installation-and-Associated-Events-September-2024



freemasonswa.org.au/installation2024

Please let our Grand Secretary know if you and your partner want to join our Grand Master and the New Zealand delegation to these two Grand Installation in Australia at secretary@freemasons.nz.org

What a Weekend in Adelaide!

This last weekend was all about new beginnings and fantastic connections as our Grand Master Jim Watt, along with 14 Freemasons and their partners from New Zealand, hit Adelaide for a major Freemason event—the Grand Installation of Bill

Merrill as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory.

We captured some snaps of the NZ Delegation! We were part of the ceremonies, got to cheer at the Grand Banquet, and even witnessed

our Grand Master Jim respond to the Toast to the Visitors, articulating our shared values and the strong bonds that unite us as Freemasons, regardless of geographical boundaries.

Massive thanks to our hosts for such a warm

welcome—it was an excellent experience! Join us in extending congratulations and best wishes to Grand Master Bill Merrill. Here's to a fruitful and inspiring term ahead!



Freemasons SARDI Visit Friday 12 April 2024

The Freemasons Foundation and the Freemasons Charity are proudly supporting the development of sheep models for Alzheimer's disease, in collaboration with Professors Russell Snell and Sir Richard Faull from the Center for Brain Research, University of Auckland, and Professor Paul Verma from The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI). Initiated in 2017, this project began with funding for a pivotal meeting in Adelaide, leading to the establishment of an Alzheimer's sheep model research group. This group includes renowned experts such as Professor Sir John Hardy (University College London), Professor Henrik Zetterberg (University of Gothenburg and University College London), Professor James Gusella (Harvard), Professor Paul Verma (SARDI), and Professor Sir Mike Owen (Cardiff University, Wales).

Remarkable progress has been made recently with the successful production of two lines of sheep carrying mutations that cause early-onset Alzheimer's in humans. These mutations were introduced through precise gene editing in single-cell sheep embryos, which were then implanted and developed into sheep. The founder animals have now been bred, producing a cohort of animals for further disease investigation and, importantly, therapeutic testing.

This groundbreaking work has been further supported by joint funding from the Freemasons Foundation and the Freemasons Charity for two additional years. This funding has enabled the breeding of the animals and the advancement of the project beyond the proof-of-principle stage.

Excitingly, testing of blood and cerebral spinal fluid samples from the Alzheimer's sheep has

revealed early changes that are also seen in humans before the onset of symptoms. This is a major step towards validating the animals as models for Alzheimer's. The success of this work has led to additional funding from the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, a nonprofit organization based in the United States. This marks the first time they have funded a New Zealand-led project. Administered by international Alzheimer's experts, this funding will be used to further characterize the animals and their disease progression to establish a 'baseline' for measuring the effectiveness of treatments.

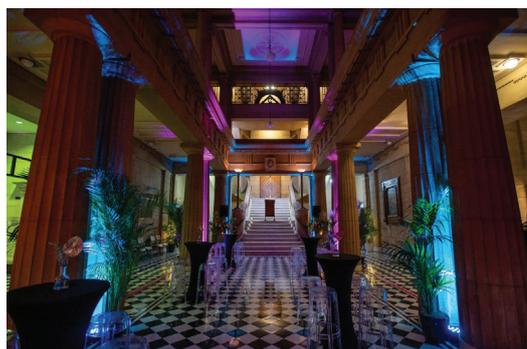
The Alzheimer's sheep are located on a research farm owned and managed by our partners at SARDI. In April 2024, Jim Watt and the New Zealand delegation visited the farm, hosted by Skye



Rudiger, the farm manager, Professor Paul Verma (SARDI), and Professor Russell Snell. During the visit, the recent research progress was presented, and they had the opportunity to meet some of the Alzheimer's sheep. The accompanying picture shows the visitors on the SARDI farm with the Alzheimer's founder breeding rams.

The group then traveled to Adelaide to visit the large animal imaging center, part of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Dr. Chris Christou, the director of imaging, provided a tour of the facilities. This unique clinical research site in Australasia offers tremendous resources for measuring disease progression through MRI or PET/CT imaging. Most importantly, the SAHMRI facility is accredited to conduct preclinical trials before testing in humans.

Prof Russell Snell
Centre for Brain Research,
University of Auckland





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A Future Invested: Celebrating Freemasons NZ Scholarship Presentations 2024 at Parliament

On a clear May day, the New Zealand Parliament provided a grand setting for the Freemasons NZ Scholarship Awards 2024. Hosted by MP Greg O'Connor, this significant event highlighted the Freemasons' enduring commitment to nurturing the nation's future leaders through substantial educational support.

A Grand Venue and Noteworthy Guests

The New Zealand Parliament, a symbol of national pride and governance, was chosen as the venue to emphasise the importance of these awards. Esteemed speakers included Professor Graham Le Gros of the Malaghan Institute and Brad Olsen, CEO of Infometrics, both of whom inspired the audience with their perspectives on science, economics, and the power of education. Their presence underscored the high regard and serious investment Freemasons NZ places in these bright young minds.

2024 was the 46th year of the Freemasons Scholarships. Thirty-five scholarships were awarded, and \$250,000 was distributed.

Celebrating Scholarly Excellence

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of scholarships to 35 exceptional students from across the country. These scholars, each receiving a share of the \$250,000 allocated annually, represent a diverse array of academic

disciplines and backgrounds. The Freemasons proudly continue as New Zealand's largest private charitable funder of educational scholarships, a testament to their belief in the transformative power of education.

Impact on Scholars – Stories of Aspiration and Achievement

The stories of individual scholars underscore the profound impact of these awards. Angela Fyfe, a student of Health Science at Auckland University, is focusing on child and maternal mental health, reflecting the scholarship's role in supporting careers that directly enhance community wellbeing. Another recipient, Jessica Luo, a Law and Commerce student at the University of Auckland, illustrates how the scholarship supports ambitious students aiming to integrate technology and law to drive societal progress.

The Philosophy Behind the Giving

Freemasons NZ's commitment to these scholarships is rooted in their Masonic values, particularly the emphasis on improving the world.

The program seeks to relieve financial pressure and encourage recipients to engage in community service, thereby perpetuating a cycle of generosity and active citizenship.

"As Freemasons, aspiring to 'make a difference' is deeply ingrained in our psyche."

The Ripple Effect of Freemasonry's Support

The scholarships do more than support individual academic pursuits; they prepare a cadre of leaders ready to tackle global challenges. By investing in areas like healthcare, technology, and environmental studies, Freemasons NZ is contributing to a resilient, knowledgeable, and conscientious generation ready to contribute positively to society.

The next round of Scholarships opens on the 1st of July 2024, and details on how to apply for the next round of scholarships can be found at <https://freemasonsnz.org/charity/freemasons-university-scholarships-2>

A Call to Future Leaders

Other than reminiscing on a fantastic event, we hope this article is a call to action for future scholarship applicants, with emphasis on the importance of academic excellence combined with a commitment to community service. Freemasons NZ continues to welcome diverse applicants who not only seek personal achievement but also wish to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

The Freemasons NZ

Scholarship Awards 2024 ceremony was not just a celebration of financial support but a reaffirmation of the Freemasons' commitment to building a stronger society through education. As these scholars progress in their careers, they carry forward the legacy of a fraternity dedicated to benevolence and improvement of the human condition.

FREEMASONS NZ SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS





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Celebrating the Journey of Hope Hana-Wheeler

A Testament to the Power of Scholarships

Every year, Freemasons New Zealand proudly awards university scholarships to deserving students, providing them with the financial support they need to pursue their academic dreams. This year, we are thrilled to share the inspiring journey of one of our past recipients, Hope Hana-Wheeler, whose dedication and passion have led to remarkable achievements.

In 2022, Hope was awarded one of our prestigious Postgraduate Freemason Scholarships. At that time, she was in the final year of her Master of Arts in Māori Development

degree at AUT, balancing her roles as a mother, a full-time senior practitioner at Te Pā, and an executive team member of the Māori Women's Welfare League. Her research focused on "Tangata Māori Perspectives on Wellness When Resettling in the Community," a crucial area that addresses the overrepresentation of Māori in the prison system and seeks to offer sustainable wellness solutions informed by Māori perspectives.

Hope recently reached out to us to share an exciting update. She has successfully completed her thesis and graduated with First Class Honours from

the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Development at AUT. Her journey was filled with challenges, but her unwavering commitment and the support of her community helped her achieve this significant milestone.

Hope expressed her heartfelt gratitude in her recent communication, specifically acknowledging the support from Freemasons New Zealand alongside her academic supervisor:

"This was the most challenging piece of mahi that I have ever done, and it took a lot. My academic supervisor was my key support, and I most certainly would not have got through without her. She is an incredible wāhine and she carried me at times when it all seemed too much.

I appreciate you all (Freemasons New Zealand) so much and I don't know how to articulate that at this moment, but I hope you can feel it. I could not have done this without you."

Hope's success is not hers alone. She embodies the whakatauki, "Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini." (My success is not mine alone; it is the success of the collective.) Her achievements reflect the collective support and strength of her community, family, and Freemasons New Zealand.

In her email, Hope also reflected on the importance of the scholarship she received:

"I am also grateful for the Freemason scholarship because I do not have to worry about how my research will be funded. The Freemason scholarship has paid for all my tools, professional editor, transcriber, and koha (offering, donation, gift) for my participants and more.

Thinking of my future, I know that it will be built on a solid foundation because of my journey so far. In the end, I hope that I will be working in a space that empowers Māori. I am not quite sure what that looks like yet."

Her words are a powerful reminder of the impact that scholarships can have, not only in supporting academic pursuits but also in fostering community growth and empowerment. Hope's work at Te Pā, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to eliminating inequality for Māori, is a testament to her dedication to social justice and her commitment to making a difference.

As we celebrate Hope's achievements, we are reminded of the broader impact our scholarships can have on the New Zealand community. They are investments in the future leaders of our society, individuals who will go on to create positive change and uplift others.

Hope's journey is far from over, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact of her work. Her story is an inspiration to us all and a shining example of the power of education, support, and community.



THE RECIPIENTS

Zak Quor	University of Auckland	FMNZ Lodge Orakei
Angela Fyfe	Auckland University of Technology	Graduate Scholarship
Catherine Bullock	Victoria University of Wellington	Graduate Scholarship
Celesti Tan	University of Auckland	Graduate Scholarship
Eden Pidgeon	University of Canterbury	Graduate Scholarship
Ethan McCormick	University of Auckland	Graduate Scholarship
Frederick Coleman	University of Canterbury	Graduate Scholarship
Gemma Wilshier	University of Waikato	Graduate Scholarship
Harrison Yin Si Thien	University of Waikato	Graduate Scholarship
Jessica Luo	University of Auckland	Graduate Scholarship
Kalib Pittman	University of Canterbury	Graduate Scholarship
Kate Millar	Massey University	Graduate Scholarship
Levi Jaunay	University of Waikato	Graduate Scholarship
MacKenzie Prew	University of Canterbury	Graduate Scholarship
Marianne Reynecke	University of Canterbury	Graduate Scholarship
Melissa Pronk	Massey University	Graduate Scholarship
Olivia Ediriweera	Massey University	Graduate Scholarship
Petra Fisher	University of Otago	Graduate Scholarship
Saskia Grant	Victoria University of Wellington	Graduate Scholarship
Yani-Marijke du Plessis	University of Otago	Graduate Scholarship
Ashton Reiser	University of Waikato	Postgraduate Scholarship
Ben Woolston	Massey University	Postgraduate Scholarship
Dominic Bain	University of Canterbury	Postgraduate Scholarship
Dominic Drummond	Victoria University of Wellington	Postgraduate Scholarship
Eleanor Dunn	University of Otago	Postgraduate Scholarship
John Hunt	Victoria University of Wellington	Postgraduate Scholarship
Lila Madden	Victoria University of Wellington	Postgraduate Scholarship
George Gibbs	Lincoln University	Postgraduate Scholarship
Rachel Given	Massey University	Lawson-Smith
Melissa Bowkett	Massey University	Lawson-Smith
Isabel Kroonenberg	Massey University	Lawson-Smith
Neka Kater	Massey University	Lawson-Smith
Samuel Rea-Rankin	University of Auckland	Heartland Bank - Northern
Penelope Noble	Victoria University of Wellington	Heartland Bank - Central
Isabella Miscisco	University of Otago	Heartland Bank - Southern



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For the first time ever, the World Choir Games is coming to Aotearoa.

The event will be held in Auckland from July 10-20, 2024 and the Freemasons Foundation is proud to be partnering with this event as a major supporter.

Freemasons Foundation Chair, Mark Winger, says, "We are delighted to be supporting this event and look forward to sharing it with the community."

Find out how to follow this exciting event and the choirs at freemasonfoundation.org.nz

Dance and Art Therapy for our most vulnerable

Dance and Art Therapy NZ engages some of the best creative arts therapists in New Zealand to empower people of all ages, in all situations, including those living with disabilities, mental illnesses, tamariki from low-income neighbourhoods and survivors of trauma. Without the generosity of organisations like the Freemasons Foundation, DTNZ would not be able to offer their important work to those in need. There are currently 200 adults with disabilities who are benefitting from weekly dance therapy group sessions - fully funded by the Freemasons Foundation.



OUR LATEST NEWS REPORT

organisations, artists, scientists, young minds and innovators to improve our community

Established in 2000, the World Choir Games is the largest choral festival and competition on the globe. The event is renowned for its ability to bring together choirs from all nations and cultures in a joyful celebration of creativity, diversity, friendship and peace.

This World Choir Games is of truly world scale, with an 'Olympic-style' opening, awards and closing ceremonies - and many evening concerts showcasing the 240 participating choirs.

Both the 2024 World Choir Games and the Freemasons Foundation believe that singing together brings nations together. For this event the partnership will give some of New Zealand's less-advantaged secondary school choirs the opportunity to participate alongside their

peers from around the world. The Freemasons Foundation involvement is also an opportunity to support diversity and inclusion at the Games. It will help "to provide young New Zealanders with the opportunity to experience life-changing events and to expand their horizons through meeting other like-minded people from around the world, sharing culture and friendship".

Our funding will enable participation of students from schools otherwise not able to take part. For some young people, the World Choir Games will be an early 'eye and ear opener' to the expressive power of singing together. For others, it will be a world-sized affirmation of a pursuit that already means so much to them.

Find out more at freemasonfoundation.org.nz



Auckland Writer's Festival

The support of the Freemasons Foundation is critical in delivering Auckland Writers Festival's Schools Programme Hōtaka Kura and our weekend PukaPuka Adventures for young families. The three-day Schools programme provides a 'window on another world' for

more than 6000 children aged 9-18 years, to hear the stories, experiences and insights of international and New Zealand authors, poets and performers. The programme stimulates a love of reading and storytelling. Financial support makes student ticket prices affordable, subsidises transport and covers the cost of the book 'Read The World'.



MASONIC EDUCATION

The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going.

After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked

up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone.

Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation.

As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and

diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more.

Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave.

He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire.

Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother.

I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

Remember, you're not alone. Reignite your passion, renew your spirit and restore your bonds within the lodge. There's always a place for you to stand together in lodge once more.



Discovering Freemasonry: The Steward

Starting Position: Begin your Masonic journey as a Steward, entrusted with overseeing the refectory and dining arrangements after Lodge meetings. It's a role that requires attention to detail and a willingness to serve.

Path to Master of the Lodge: For Freemasons aspiring to climb the ladder, the Steward role is often the first step towards higher positions such as Inner Guard, Deacon, and beyond. It's a chance to prove one's merit and dedication to the craft.

Humble Service: As a Steward, you'll ensure

that no member misses out on the fellowship and nourishment that follows Lodge meetings. It's a hands-on job that requires humility and a willingness to support others.

Symbol of Plenty: The badge of the Steward is represented by the Cornucopia, or Horn of Plenty, symbolising abundance and nourishment. In Greek mythology, it's associated with the nurturing of infant Zeus and the concept of endless provision.

Step Towards Mastership: Embark on your journey to the Master's chair by

embracing the role of Steward. It's an opportunity to learn, grow, and

contribute to the thriving community of Freemasonry.



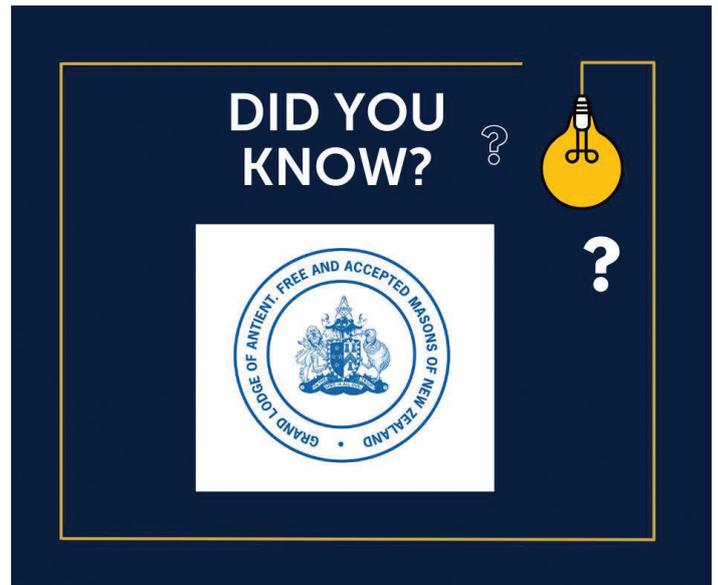
Did You Know?

Take a closer look at our Grand Lodge of New Zealand seal. Around the edge, it proudly declares "Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand" But what do the terms "free" and "accepted" really mean in this context, and how do they shape our understanding of Freemasonry's evolution?

Free: The term "free" traces back to the Middle Ages, referring to skilled craftsmen whose essential services were crucial for both church and state. Unlike other labourers, these craftsmen were not bound

by feudal restrictions and enjoyed the unique privilege to travel and work freely, reflecting their indispensable role in society.

Accepted: As Freemasonry evolved, the term "accepted" emerged. Originally, these were patrons of the Masonic guilds, not craftsmen themselves, drawn by the intellectual and social benefits of the fraternity. Over time, these "accepted" members, embracing the ideals and teachings of Freemasonry, began to outnumber the operative masons, paving the way



for the transition to the speculative Freemasonry we know today.

These terms are not just relics of history but the foundations that continue

to inspire and guide Freemasons worldwide, emphasising our enduring principles of liberty, learning, and brotherhood.

Discovering Freemasonry: The Junior Warden

Team Player: As the third-in-command, the Junior Warden works closely with the Master and Senior Warden to ensure smooth Lodge operations. It's also part of the succession plan and is close to taking the chair as Master of the lodge.

Symbol of Integrity: The Junior Warden's position is Represented by the Plumb Rule, the badge of his office - symbolising uprightness of conduct, directing the Junior Warden in his role. he upholds honesty and integrity, guiding members on the path of moral rectitude.

Foster of Fellowship: He is the lodge's ostensible

Steward and oversees refectory arrangements in conjunction with the Stewards, fostering camaraderie and inclusivity among members and visitors.

Key Duties: From event planning to nurturing brotherhood, the Junior Warden cultivates an environment where Masonic values thrive.

Active Involvement: Committed to attending Lodge meetings and community events, the Junior Warden contributes to the Lodge's growth and outreach.

Spiritual Values: Beyond his official role, the Junior

Warden embodies spiritual virtues like kindness and compassion, enriching the Masonic journey for all.

Steady Leadership: Like a steady hand guiding a ship, the Junior Warden promotes fairness and balance in all

Lodge activities, ensuring every member's voice is heard.

Interested? If you're a Freemason seeking deeper involvement, consider the fulfilling role of Junior Warden in your Lodge.



Freemasons Fund Life-Saving Equipment for Dunedin Hospital

Patients at Dunedin Hospital's respiratory ward will breathe easier thanks to a generous donation from the Freemasons of Otago, who have raised over \$16,000 to purchase critical respiratory equipment. The initiative, known as the Otago District Oxygen Concentrator Project, has provided the hospital with two portable oxygen concentrators and an oxygen humidifier.

In March 2024, staff from Ward 7a reached out to the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust (OMCT) for assistance in acquiring a portable oxygen concentrator. With only one machine available and demand skyrocketing, the need for additional equipment was urgent. These portable devices are vital for patients, particularly those requiring lung transplants, allowing them to travel without cumbersome oxygen cylinders.

Grant Watson, OMCT Secretary, spearheaded the fundraising effort, reaching out to Freemason lodges across Otago. The response was overwhelming, with 18 lodges from Queenstown to Oamaru contributing. "The support from our

lodges was tremendous," Watson said. "We were able to raise enough funds not just for one, but for two concentrators and an oxygen humidifier."

The donation significantly enhances the hospital's ability to provide quality care. "These machines will greatly benefit our patients, enabling them to move and travel more freely," said Ged Campbell, Ward Charge Nurse Manager. "Up to 150 community-based patients could benefit from this donation."

The project's success was highlighted in an article by the Otago Daily Times, featuring photographs of OMCT representatives presenting the equipment to hospital staff. Watson and Deputy Chairman Mel Darling were pictured with specialist nurse Lynda Paris and other ward staff, demonstrating the new equipment.

The Freemasons Charity also played a crucial role, matching the funds raised by the lodges with a grant of \$6,789. This collaboration doubled the total funds, ensuring the project's success.



The participating lodges included: Lodge Dunstan 103, Lodge Waverley 226, Lodge Wanaka 277, St Bathans 126, Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning 82, Lodge Clinton 183, Otago Kilwinning 417, St John 84, United 448, Lodge Manukerikia 109, Hercules Lodge 36, Lake Lodge Ophir 85, and The Mt Ida Lodge 97. Each lodge's generosity was instrumental in reaching the funding goal.

"We approached the Otago Daily Times regarding this project," Watson explained. "The response to this project has been unbelievable. We're grateful for the support and proud

of what we've achieved together."

The success of the Otago District Oxygen Concentrator Project exemplifies the impact of community-driven initiatives. It stands as a testament to the Freemasons' commitment to charity and community service. With this new equipment, Dunedin Hospital's respiratory ward is better equipped to provide life-saving care, making a significant difference in the lives of many patients across Otago.



Tauranga Freemasons Support Wish4Fish with Generous Donation



The Tauranga Lodge No. 125 has demonstrated its commitment to community support by raising \$1000 for Wish4Fish, a charity dedicated to providing fishing trips for individuals with physical disabilities and mental health challenges. This donation will help Wish4Fish continue its mission of offering therapeutic and enjoyable experiences on the water, making a positive impact on the lives of many.

Wish4Fish, a Charitable Trust, focuses on enabling people with disabilities to enjoy the freedom and pleasure of ocean waters. The charity uses fishing as a therapeutic activity, providing a unique and enriching experience for its beneficiaries. The boat, a custom-designed 18-metre alloy high displacement catamaran powered by twin marine diesel engines, is fully equipped to accommodate 49 passengers, including up to 10 wheelchair users, along with support staff and crew.

Key features of the boat include:

- ◆ An accessible bathroom
- ◆ An onboard wheelchair

- ◆ A specialised loading system
- ◆ A kitchen and fridge
- ◆ Various sponsor benefits

The wheelchair lift allows users to access the upper deck and enjoy the views alongside the captain. Volunteers play a crucial role during these trips, assisting with baiting fishhooks and providing support to ensure everyone has a memorable and enjoyable experience. Wish4Fish aims to offer fishing trips to over 1,000 individuals each year.

The recent donation from the Tauranga Lodge No. 125 will go a long way in supporting these initiatives. Fishing and boating are integral parts of New Zealand's recreational activities, and it is important that everyone, regardless of physical or mental challenges, has the opportunity to participate and enjoy these experiences.

Wish4Fish also provides various sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals interested in supporting their cause. Sponsors can fund boat trips for up to 20 people with disabilities and their

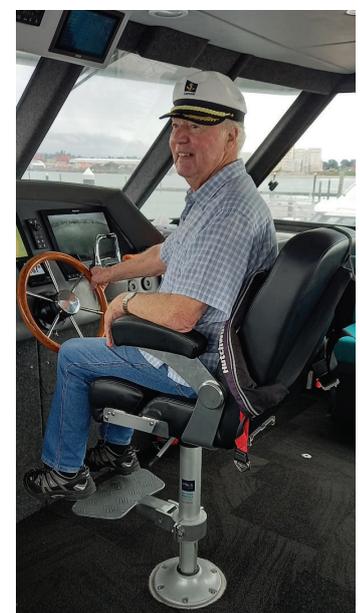
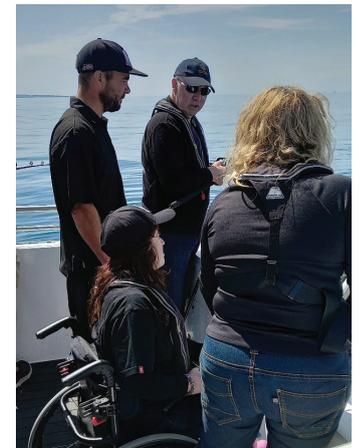
carers, thereby making a significant positive impact on the community. Sponsorship benefits include social media opportunities, featuring logos on the boat's electronic billboards, and being listed as a key sponsor on the Wish4Fish website.

Tony Pearce, the General Manager of Wish4Fish, expressed his gratitude for the support received from the Tauranga Lodge No. 125 and other sponsors. He highlighted that the charity's mission is to help people move from being seen as disabled to being providers, enjoying the thrill of fishing and the open water. The positive outcomes, excitement, and boost in self-esteem are evident in the beneficiaries. This donation will help create more magic moments and lifelong memories.

For more details on sponsorship opportunities, interested parties can contact Tony Pearce at tony@wish4fish.co.nz or call 022 13 400 42. The charity encourages businesses and individuals to get involved and help provide unforgettable experiences for those in need.

Through the support of the Tauranga Lodge No. 125 and other generous donors, Wish4Fish continues to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. The Freemasons' commitment to community service and charity shines brightly in this initiative, showcasing the power of collective effort in improving lives and fostering inclusivity.

For further information about Wish4Fish and how to support their mission, please visit their website or contact Tony Pearce directly. Together, we can help more people enjoy the freedom and joy of fishing, making every day on the water a memorable one.



Anzac Day in review



Anzac Day is a time to reflect on the servicemen and servicewomen, past and present, who have displayed courage and self-sacrifice serving our country. We remember and give thanks for the sacrifices made by our brethren on the battlefield.



One of the many Lodges in New Zealand commemorating Anzac Day – masters and brethren of Trentham Lodge 262 (WBro Kieran Crickmar WM, GS) and Lodge Mangaroa 419 (WBro Tony Fryer WM).
Peter McDonald (Upper Hutt City Council Official Photographer)

Ten warning signs of dementia mate wareware

1. Recent memory loss that affects daily life

It's normal to forget meetings, names or telephone numbers occasionally and then remember them later. A person with dementia mate wareware might have trouble remembering recent events.

2. Difficulty performing regular tasks

It's normal to make a wrong turn occasionally while driving. Someone with dementia mate wareware might have regular difficulty driving a familiar route.

3. Problems with language

Many people have trouble finding the right words sometimes. But someone

with dementia mate wareware might have difficulty following, or initiating a conversation.

4. Disorientation of time and place

It is normal to occasionally forget what day it is or where you are going. A person with dementia mate wareware may be confused about the time of day, and what is appropriate for that time.

5. Decreased or poor judgment

Making a bad decision once in a while is normal. A person with dementia mate wareware might make bad decisions more frequently and start paying less attention to their physical appearance.

6. Problems with abstract thinking

It's normal to have difficulty balancing a budget. A person with dementia mate wareware might completely forget what the numbers are and what needs to be done with them.

7. Misplacing things

Anyone can misplace their wallet or keys. A person with dementia mate wareware might repeatedly put things in inappropriate places.

8. Changes in mood and behaviour

Everyone becomes sad or moody from time to time. A person with dementia mate wareware can have rapid mood swings, from calm to tears to anger, for no apparent reason.

9. Changes in personality

People's personalities can change a little with age. A person with dementia mate wareware might have problems in social situations they have previously been comfortable with.

10. Loss of initiative

It is normal for people to tire of housework, business activities or social obligations. A person with dementia mate wareware may no longer initiate things that they once enjoyed.

From the Alzheimers New Zealand website www.alzheimers.org.nz or 0800 004 001

The National Charity of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for New Zealand (the Rose Croix) has supported Alzheimers NZ for many years including the production of its own Booklet called 'Dipping into Dementia'.





Changes needed in NZ's aged care sector

A recently released review of the funding and service delivery models for the aged care sector has identified five areas where change is needed to ensure that sector continues to operate sustainably.

The Sapere aged care report was commissioned by Health New Zealand / Te Whatu Ora. It is the third significant report into the aged care sector.

And all of them, says Masonic Villages Trust Chief Executive, Warick Dunn, tell the same story. New Zealand's aged care sector is chronically under-funded and under stress, and seriously at risk.

The review looked at how aged residential care beds and home and community support models are funded and provided in New Zealand.

It is the precursor to designing new funding and service delivery models in that part of the aged care sector.

The report makes for grim reading, Warick says.

The report highlighted five areas for change:

- State funding levels for aged care and home and community support services need to increase.

- The model by which providers can access funds needs reviewing.
- There are significant inequities, including cultural inequities, in the ability of people to access care.
- While the sector has been assisted in the short-term with access to a bigger pool of registered nurses, there are still risks to the sustainability of that workforce and even bigger risks to the unregistered workforce that provides the majority of care in the sector.
- Aged care providers in rural and regional areas of New Zealand are under particular pressure. Unlike their urban counterparts, their client base doesn't always have the capital or the income to subsidise the required 'day rates'.

While most aged care providers in New Zealand are fully commercial operators, The Masonic Villages Trust is the country's largest charitable provider of retirement villages and a significant provider of care facilities.

Warick says the Trust has purposefully built its 18 Masonic retirement villages and five Masonic care facilities to sit within local communities in the North Island – most often in the regions.



Carolyn Cooper | The Aged Care Commissioner



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While this means residents can stay close to, and connected with, friends, families and familiar places as they get older, it does pose some of the challenges highlighted by the last of the Sapere review’s key findings.

This ‘local community’ approach does come with significant financial challenges, Warick says.

“But we have always been up for the challenge of providing aged care support in tough environments. That’s in keeping with our Masonic heritage,” he says.

Warick says the Trust has long had a strategy of growth, the goal of which has been to build the necessary scale that, in turn, has underpinned the vital, ongoing investment that will enable the Trust to develop new models of both restorative and rehabilitative care.

“The Sapere review makes it plain that if New Zealand’s aged care sector is to be sustainable in future, change is needed now.

“We are always planning for that future,” he says.

Warick says that planning is essential because by 2034 more than one in five New Zealanders will be aged 65 years or over, approximately 1.2 million people.

The Aged Care Commissioner, Carolyn Cooper, notes that statistic in her recently released report into the sector, ‘Amplifying the voices of older people across Aotearoa New Zealand’.

The Commissioner points out that New Zealand needs an integrated action plan for the health of older people.

She says that integrated plan must include primary and community care, residential care and secondary care, and she says the system needs to better manage the transitions between these care categories. She also says much better community care is needed.

Warick also points to the Health Select Committee’s new review into the aged care sector.

He says finally, older New Zealanders, and how they are supported and cared for as they age, are starting to receive the attention this important and rapidly growing community needs.

“Just because we have grey hair doesn’t mean we are now irrelevant, or undeserving of the best support.”



Warick Dunn,
Chief Executive

Winter Warmers from Around the World: Hearty Soups to Combat the Cold

During the chilly months, nothing comforts the body and soul quite like a bowl of warm, nourishing soup. Featured here are three distinctive soups from Italy, China, and Morocco, each renowned within its culture for their rejuvenating qualities and ability to combat colds, flu, and sickness. These soups not only offer warmth but also a burst of global flavours and substantial health benefits that can help ward off the winter chill.



Italian Pastina Soup: Nonna's Penicillin

Origin

This hearty soup is often referred to as Italian Penicillin, cherished for its purported healing properties. It's a traditional remedy in Italian households, commonly made when someone is feeling under the weather.

Ingredients

- ◆ 4 cups organic chicken or veggie broth
- ◆ 6 cups water
- ◆ 3 stalks of celery, halved
- ◆ 3 carrots, peeled and halved
- ◆ 6 cloves of garlic, whole
- ◆ 1 large onion, chopped (yellow or white)
- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- ◆ 1 tbsp chicken bouillon (optional)
- ◆ Pastina, orzo, or Ditalini pasta (75g of dried pasta per person)

- ◆ Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Preparation

1. In a large stockpot, combine water and broth, bring to a boil.
2. Add celery, carrots, garlic, and onions. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 45 minutes.
3. Remove vegetables with a slotted spoon, blend with some broth, return to pot.
4. Cook pasta separately and add to the broth. Serve with a sprinkle of Parmesan.

Health Benefits

Pastina Soup is full of nutrients from fresh vegetables and bone broth, making it ideal for nourishing the body and boosting the immune system during cold seasons.

Congee: The Comforting Porridge

Origin

Known as 'Jook' or Congee, this rice porridge has been a staple in Chinese cuisine for thousands of years. The name "congee" was derived from the Tamil word "kanji," indicating its ancient roots.

Ingredients

Congee:

- ◆ 1 rice cup white rice (approximately 3/4 of a standard US cup, Jasmine rice preferred)
- ◆ 8 cups water
- ◆ 15 g or 2cm of ginger, peeled and thinly sliced

Chicken Marinade:

- ◆ 350 g chicken, thinly sliced
- ◆ 2 tsp corn flour
- ◆ 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- ◆ 2 tbsp water
- ◆ 0.50 tsp chicken bouillon
- ◆ 2 tbsp vegetable oil

Additional Seasonings:

- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- ◆ 1 tsp chicken bouillon

Garnishes:

- ◆ 2 pieces green onion, chopped
- ◆ 1 piece coriander, chopped (to taste)

- ◆ Soy sauce, for serving

Cooking Method:

1. **Prepare the Rice:** Rinse the rice thoroughly until the water runs clear. In a large pot, bring 8 cups of water to a boil over high heat.
2. **Cook the Rice:** Once the water is boiling, add the rinsed rice. Stir briefly to distribute the rice evenly. Wait for the water to return to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and let it simmer gently. Do not stir again, as this can cause the rice to stick to the bottom of the pot.
3. **Simmer:** Allow the rice to cook partially covered on low heat for about 25 minutes. Check the pot occasionally to ensure it's simmering well and adjust the heat as needed. The goal is to achieve a thick, creamy consistency without scorching the rice.
4. **Prepare Chicken:** While the rice is cooking, prepare the chicken. Cut the chicken into very thin slices and marinate with oyster sauce, corn flour, water, and chicken bouillon. Massage well and mix with vegetable oil to coat evenly.
5. **Whisk the Congee:** After the rice has simmered for 25 minutes, uncover and whisk the congee vigorously for 2 minutes. This helps break down the rice grains further and release their starch, thickening the congee.
6. **Cook the Chicken:** Increase the heat to medium and gradually stir in the marinated chicken, ensuring it



doesn't clump. Cook, stirring constantly, until the chicken is thoroughly cooked through, about 2-3 minutes.

For an enhanced flavor, recommend serving with a drizzle of soy sauce on top.

7. **Final Touches:** Stir in thinly sliced ginger and simmer for an additional 2 minutes. Adjust the seasoning with salt and chicken bouillon as needed.
8. **Serve:** Ladle the congee into bowls, and garnish with chopped green onions and coriander.

Health Benefits

Congee is gentle on the stomach, hydrating, and rich in energy, making it perfect for recovery meals. The addition of ginger adds anti-inflammatory properties, enhancing its cold-fighting capabilities.

Moroccan Chorba: A Versatile One-Pot Meal

Origin

Moroccan Chorba is a celebrated, versatile soup similar to minestrone. It's known for its rich flavours and comforting qualities, especially popular during the cold seasons and Ramadan. Every family will have its own unique take on the recipe, so we have included instructions for chicken, beef, and lamb versions.

Ingredients

- ◆ 2 tablespoons olive oil

- ◆ 250 grams of your choice of meat, cut into 2.5 cm pieces (see meat options below)
- ◆ 2 medium yellow onions, finely sliced
- ◆ 2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- ◆ Small pinch of saffron threads, or substitute with 1 ½ teaspoons of sweet paprika, or cumin
- ◆ 1 teaspoon fine salt, more to taste
- ◆ ½ teaspoon black pepper, more to taste



- ◆ 1 (400-gram) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- ◆ 2 medium tomatoes, grated or equivalent to 200 grams of crushed tomatoes
- ◆ 1½ tablespoons tomato paste
- ◆ 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced into 1-2 cm pieces
- ◆ 115 grams spaghetti, broken into 1-3 cm pieces
- ◆ 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, plus more for garnish

Meat Options:

- ◆ **Lamb:** Shoulder or leg are excellent choices for their flavour and texture. The cooking time at step 2 for the lamb is 1 hour
- ◆ **Beef:** Shank or stew/chuck cuts provide a robust base. Cooking with beef leads to the

longest cooking time at step 2, simmering for 1 ½ to 2 hours, to allow the beef to become tender.

- ◆ **Chicken:** Wings or thighs offer richness from the bones and tender meat. The cooking time for chicken at step 2 is 40 minutes

Preparation:

1. In a large pot or casserole, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the chosen meat, onions, turmeric, saffron (or substitute), salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the meat is lightly browned and seared and the onions are softened about 7-10 minutes.
2. Add about 1.8 litres of water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover with a lid, and simmer for about 1 hour

with lamb, 1 ½ to 2 hours with beef or 40 minutes if using chicken, or until the meat is tender.

3. Add the chickpeas, tomatoes, tomato paste, and potatoes. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 8-10 minutes or until the potatoes are almost tender.
4. Stir in the spaghetti and parsley. Continue to simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, until the spaghetti and potatoes are fully cooked, about 10 more minutes. Add water if necessary to adjust the soup's consistency.

5. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper. Serve hot, garnished with additional parsley.

Cooking Tips:

- ◆ **Meat preparation:** Brown the meat well to develop a deep flavour base for the soup.
- ◆ **Saffron substitute:** Each substitute will change the flavour profile slightly, so choose based on your preference for a more earthy or spicy soup.

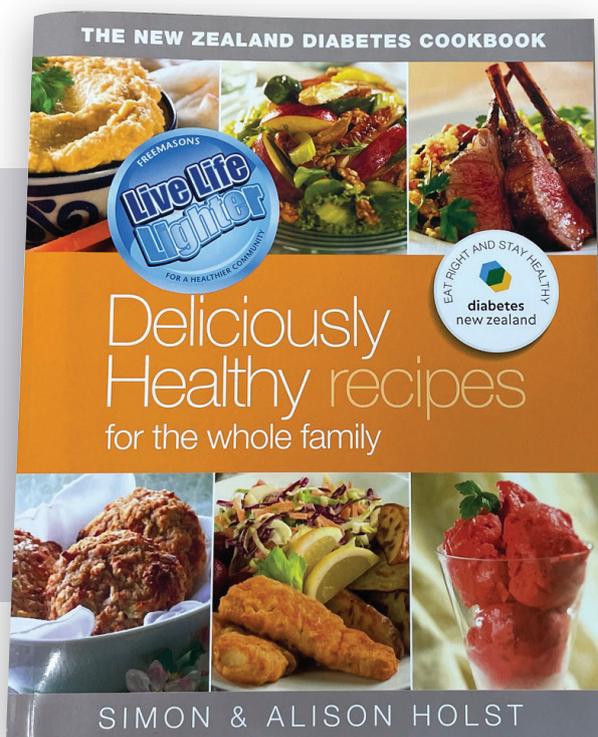
Health Benefits

Chorba is packed with protein, fibre, and vitamins. Turmeric and saffron offer anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, making this soup a healthy choice during cold weather.

Cookbook Competition

Send us a photo, - if you tried one of the recipes; or send us one of your own winter soup cooking efforts, and go into the draw to win *Deliciously Health Recipes* by Simon & Alison Holst.

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Potter Masonic Trust Supports Zeal Education Trust's Tech Café Upgrade

At the Potter Masonic Trust, our mission is to support initiatives that make a significant impact on our communities. We are proud to have contributed to the Zeal Education Trust's Tech Café Upgrade, an initiative that empowers young people from vulnerable communities in West Auckland through technology and digital skills development.

The Organisation

Zeal Education Trust is dedicated to engaging hard-to-reach young people from vulnerable communities. Their youth workers provide guidance and support, helping young people build resilience, safety, health, and connectedness. Through their programmes, Zeal aims to create safe and vibrant spaces where young people can connect, learn new skills, and overcome life challenges. The ultimate goal is for all young people to feel seen, valued, safe, and empowered, giving them an equitable chance to thrive.

The Initiative

Zeal identified a significant digital divide among young people in West Auckland. Many do not have access to a device at home for learning and homework, with a particularly high disparity among Māori and Pasifika youth. In response, Zeal launched the West Tech initiative. This programme

teaches rangatahi (ages 10-18) with limited access to devices or the internet to refurbish donated laptops. At the end of the programme, participants take a laptop home.

To further support this initiative, Zeal recently opened a drop-in Tech Café space at their West Auckland youth centre. Here, young people can refurbish devices, game, and connect with peers any weekday afternoon. Additionally, Zeal hosts refurbish-a-thon events twice a year, where over 100 rangatahi participate in a day-long refurbishment session, with all new learners receiving a free laptop.

The goals of the West Tech initiative are to eradicate digital exclusion in West Auckland, sustainably reduce e-waste, build digital skills and resilience, and prepare rangatahi Māori and Pasifika for tech leadership roles. We at the Potter Masonic Trust were thrilled to support these goals through our funding and collaboration.

Purpose of the Project

Our contribution to the Tech Café upgrade aimed to:

- ◆ Help young people develop skills and knowledge by teaching them to fix computers, build high-spec PCs, configure cybersecurity tools, and engage in digital design.
- ◆ Address barriers to skill development by providing free laptops and access to state-of-the-art tech equipment.
- ◆ Build confidence and resilience in young people by fostering a community where it is okay to experiment with technology, fail, and have fun.
- ◆ Increase access to resources, support, and opportunities, thereby tripling the capacity of Zeal's free drop-in space.





- ◆ **Increased Capacity:** Zeal can now accommodate more young people in their drop-in space and refurbish devices in bulk, ensuring every programme graduate receives a free refurbished laptop.
- ◆ **Enhanced Safety and Efficiency:** Improved internet connectivity and CCTV have made staff feel safer and more efficient in their work.
- ◆ **Improved Learning Approach:** Zeal's co-design and rapid reflection approach revealed that a coaching method helps young people learn faster and more enjoyably when learning graphic design.
- ◆ **Better Service Provider:** The project highlighted the need for a better internet service provider, leading to an upgrade that supports Zeal's technological advancements.

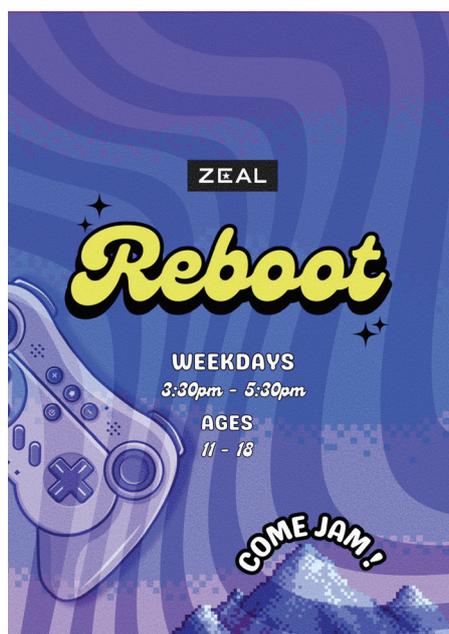
Community Impact

The impact of this project extends beyond Zeal's organisational benefits:

- ◆ **Increased Engagement:** The number of rangatahi using the drop-in Tech Café has doubled, with more young people feeling at home and inviting friends.
- ◆ **Greater Refurbishment Capacity:** Zeal now has the capacity to process up to 1,000 devices per year, bringing them closer to their goal of providing every young person in West Auckland with a free laptop.

The Potter Masonic Trust is honoured to support the Zeal Education Trust's Tech Café Upgrade. This project not only provides essential digital skills to young people but also fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment. We are proud to contribute to such a meaningful initiative and look forward to seeing the continued positive impact on the West Auckland community.

By supporting Zeal, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering community development, reducing digital exclusion, and empowering the next generation. Together, we can help more young people in Aotearoa thrive in the digital world, making every day in the Tech Café a step towards a brighter future.



design now being printed and installed. The runner-up will paint their design on a wall during the school holidays.

3. **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Zeal updated the data cabling and installed CCTV cameras in the Tech Café. Wireless internet speeds have tripled, and ethernet speeds have quadrupled, enabling more efficient device refurbishment. These upgrades allow young people to refurbish twice as many devices simultaneously.
4. **Cybersecurity:** Zeal purchased licenses to protect young people from cyber threats while using the Tech Café. These configurations will be done alongside the young people, teaching them valuable cybersecurity skills.

Organisational Benefits

The Tech Café upgrade has brought numerous benefits to Zeal:

Achievements and Outcomes

With the support from the Potter Masonic Trust, Zeal has achieved several milestones:

1. **PC Building Skills:** Four rangatahi learnt to build gaming-spec PCs from component parts purchased with our funding. These computers have been installed in the Tech Café space for up to 1,800 rangatahi per year to use for e-sports, learning graphic design, and other digital skills.
2. **Graphic Design Workshops:** Ten rangatahi learnt to design signage for the Tech Café. Zeal conducted a design competition among local young people, with the winning



South Island Trip

The First Grand Principal, MEComp Dennis Waller, recently made a trip to the South Island for a series of meetings, organised by REComp Ferg McNaughton GJ (Divisional Grand Principal) and VEComp Neville Hall GPA.

Arriving in Queenstown he was met and driven to Clyde for the meeting of Cromwell Coronation Chapter to make a presentation of a 40-year service jewel to MEComp Bruce Hebbard PGZ. It was meant to be a surprise visit, but it is hard to keep a secret, particularly when REComp McNaughton was trying to encourage people

to attend other functions that the First Grand Principal would be attending.

It was great to see ladies present and visitors from other Chapters and Constitutions from as far away as Nelson.

After the meeting and a dinner at a local establishment, it was off to Invercargill for a midnight check-in at the hotel.

The next night was a social gathering at the Invercargill Masonic Centre for a talk about the importance of the Royal Arch to Freemasonry.

This was a very friendly get-together attended by

a variety of Companions, Brethren, and family, including two young potential Companions who are currently being signed up by St Andrew Chapter. The two children who popped in and out of the meeting and the Lodge rooms made it a real family atmosphere. They were considered too young for membership.

The next day we travelled to Ashburton, for the combined Canterbury Chapters Convocation, where an Excellent degree was carried out for Comp Daniel Stratton.

Following that there was the presentation of a 40-year



service jewel to REComp Paul Johnston PDGZ.

On Thursday Dennis was delivered to Christchurch where he met up with his wife who was visiting friends.

REComp Bob Wright GLec organised another social gathering on the Friday night for a chance to meet and chat with local Companions in a relaxed casual atmosphere.

Thanks to all the organisers and those who attended.



A Masonic mystery



In December 2023 a member of Thistle Lodge No 113 in Ashburton took the Lodge bible to a book binder for repairs. When the bible was being inspected a letter fell out. It was folded up and appeared to be an early version of the old aerogrammes that were in use years ago. The letter was from the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury and addressed to Henry Stephenson Esq, WM Somerset Lodge, Ashburton. On the front is a small round stamp stated 'NZ Ashburton 4 May (18)82'. There was nothing else to identify the sender.

On the other side of the letter was a drawing of a key stone with some letters on it. To Royal Arch members it was immediately obvious what it was.

In the 1880s there were three Craft Lodges in Ashburton: two English Constitution (Somerset and St. John) and one Scottish Constitution (Thistle). Somerset and St John Lodges later combined and formed Ashburton Lodge EC. There was also a Scottish Constitution Royal Arch Chapter, Ashburton Kilwinning, which operated from 1881 to 1907.

However, what was a letter addressed to a

member of an English Constitution lodge and containing a drawing related to Royal Arch doing in a bible belonging to a Craft lodge?

The current Royal Arch Chapter in Ashburton (Rose and Thistle) was opened in 1914 under the New Zealand Constitution. With no records about the Ashburton Kilwinning Chapter, the Chapter wrote to Scotland in 1915 to request any possible information. The result was a letter giving the names of the 26 First Principals of the Chapter. Henry Stephenson's name was second on the list. From this, we have assumed that Ashburton Kilwinning

Chapter was attempting to build up the Chapter's furniture and fittings and had sought details about a key stone, hence the letter. How that letter got into the Thistle Lodge bible is possibly because both Thistle Lodge and Ashburton Kilwinning Chapter were under the Scottish Constitution and one had lent its bible to the other.

The letter is the only paper record that we can trace to Ashburton Kilwinning Chapter.

VEComp John Burn, Scribe Ezra, Rose and Thistle Chapter No 35, Ashburton

Master Masons completing the Masonic journey

Clause 71 of the Freemasons NZ Constitution recognizes three Craft degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; plus the three Royal Arch degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch as being pure, antient Freemasonry. We warmly welcome these newly-advanced Mark Masters within our Royal Arch fraternity.

23/01/2024	Carl Donovan	Marlborough No 14
04/03/2024	Chandresh Thakrar	Tutanekai-Hinemoa No 92
05/03/2024	Christian Borja	Whangarei No 27
05/03/2024	Daniel Stratton	Shirley No 86
11/03/2024	Shane Storey	Manawatu No 11
12/03/2024	Christopher Villalobos	Cromwell Coronation No 20
18/03/2024	Allan Frieria	Mt Maunganui No 103
18/03/2024	Rex-Allen Juachon	Mt Maunganui No 103
19/03/2024	Daniel Painter	Shirley No 86
25/03/2024	Darren Shadbolt	Manawatu No 11
08/04/2024	James Higgins	Wanganui No 23
13/04/2024	Ian Levet	Victoria No 4
20/05/2024	Alain Valeza Jr	Mt Maunganui No 103
20/05/2024	Ivan Perry	Mt Maunganui No 103
22/05/2024	John Cochrane	North Shore No 52

Pegasus Daylight Lodge No 450 – 60-Year Bar in the light of day

An interesting programme for the “Daylight Gold - The Lodge for the Old ‘N Bold” at the Canterbury Freemasons Centre in Christchurch.

At Pegasus Daylight Lodge No 450 at the 15th May Regular Meeting, Peter Linn (Jock) McAulay, Past Master, was presented his 60-year Bar to his 50-year Service Badge by Graham Wrigley, Past Grand Master. Almost 50 brethren, partners, family and friends were in the refectory for the presentation at which Graham Wrigley commented that although he had known Jock a long time

and installed him when District Grand Master, he was unaware his name was Peter as everyone calls him Jock. Jock’s daughter Fiona was in attendance and, who is here from Australia looking after him, was presented a bouquet of flowers. Jock and his wife have been prominent figures in Canterbury Freemasonry, and Jock is deserving of this recognition.

The presentation was followed by an interesting talk from Inspector Michael Kingston of the New Zealand Police on ‘scams and scammers’.



Graham Wrigley, Past Grand Master presenting Jock McAulay with his 60 Year Bar, an excellent gathering supporting him including our Executive Director Andrew Cowie, who was in Christchurch on masonic business but also attended the daylight meeting of the lodge and Jock cutting his Cake with his daughter Fiona from Australia taking photos.

Masonic Bags

Your Lodge, District, Division or Regalia Bank probably have some of these that could be recycled by new Freemasons.

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in purchasing one, please email [communications@freemasons.org](mailto:communications@freemasons.nz) and we will talk about a nominal price and postage and handling. They neatly store your apron, gloves, spare tie, ceremonial books, etc.



Welcome to our newest Freemasons

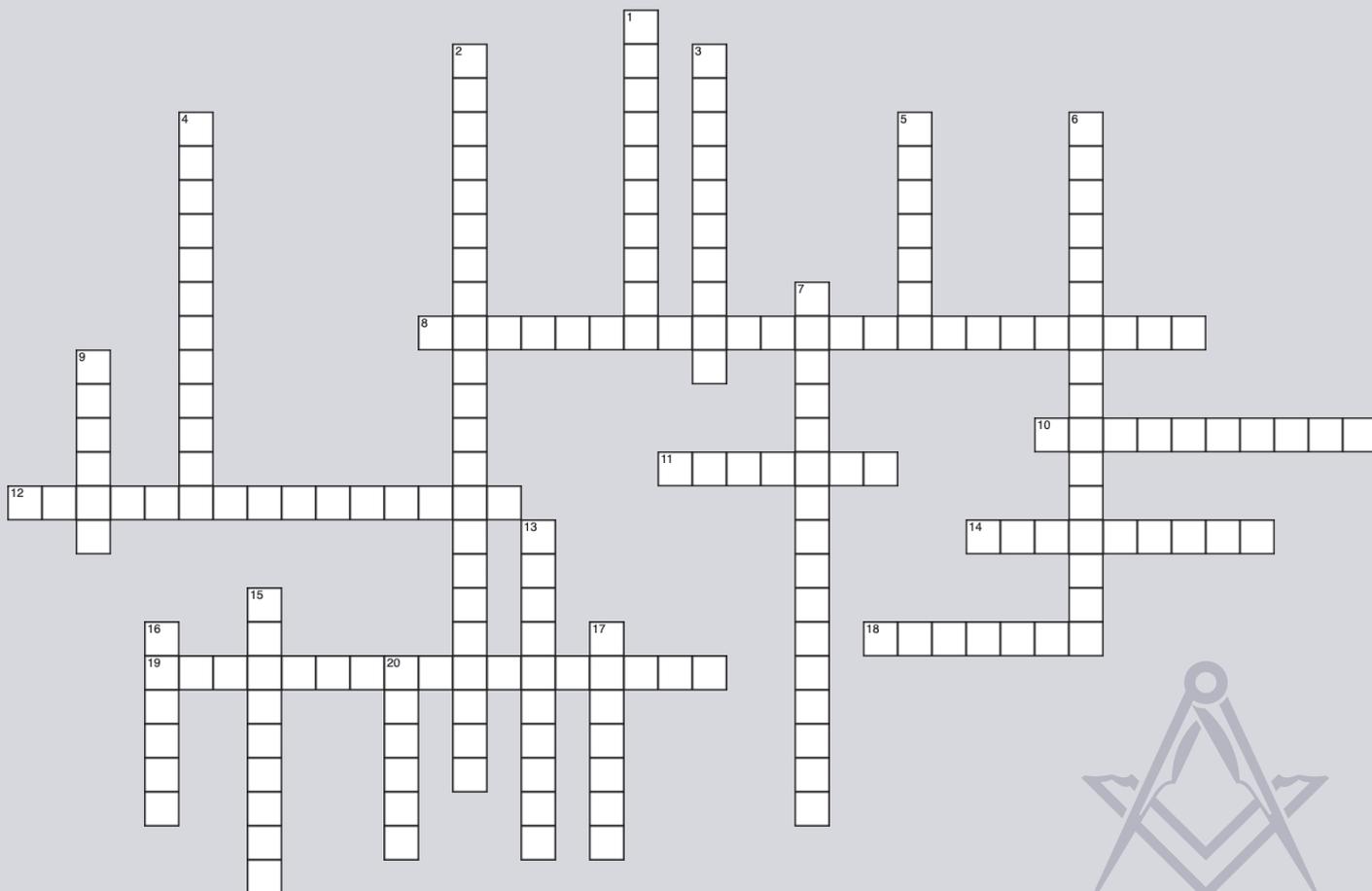
February—April 2024

Stephen King	The Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge No.23	Archie Blanco	Lodge Switzers No.223
Stephen Caldwell	The Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge No.23	Francisco Domingo	Lodge Switzers No.223
Alexander Timu	The Woburn Lodge No.25	Blake Smith	Empire Fergusson Lodge No.225
Jeffrey Tuico	Hercules Lodge No.36	John O'Mahony	Lodge Whangamomona No.234
Caleb Bromley	The Concord Lodge No.39	John Dell Delfin	Lodge Doric Brighton No.236
Mark Lumar Lugtu	The Concord Lodge No.39	Rufino Costas	Lodge Doric Brighton No.236
Jude Vallagomesa	The Concord Lodge No.39	Ray Samonte	Lodge Doric Brighton No.236
Gretchen Bravo	The Concord Lodge No.39	Jeffrey Alcaraz	Trentham Lodge No.262
Revo Zagado	The Hiram Lodge No.46	Jayson Ferrer	Unity Lodge No.271
Cameron Hill	Papakura Lodge No.56	Richard Dulce	Unity Lodge No.271
Anthony Batoy	The Fortitude Lodge No.64	Nole Serrano	Lodge Wanaka No.277
Jayson EJ Abillon	The Rawhiti Lodge No.66	Lloyd Thayer	Lodge Wanaka No.277
Charlie Hipayo	The Ngapara Lodge No.68	Olivir Stirling	The Herbert Teagle-Taia Lodge No.300
Lee Saturn Villanueva	The Heretaunga Lodge No.73	Nirmal Grewal	Westminster Lodge No.308
Adam Harrison	Lake Lodge of Ophir No.85	Mark Andersson	Lodge Zetland No.312
Bryant Elmer Mejia	Lodge Arrow Kilwinning No.86	Ronaldo Marina	Lodge Howick No.314
John Rey De Los Santos	Lodge St John No.94	Juan Paulo Salamanca	Lodge Howick No.314
Thomas Waldron	The Mount Ida Lodge No.97	Nowen Asis	Harmony Lodge No.325
Herbert Arellano	Lodge Winton No.108	Jensen Le Sueur	Lodge Mana No.352
Mark Louie Dizon	The Taupiri Lodge No.118	Irwin Aarons	The Wayfarers Lodge No.389
Allan Palivino	The Taupiri Lodge No.118	Wael Khan	Lodge Mangaroa No.419
Jacques Barnard	The Tauranga Lodge No.125	Aiden Elliott	Lodge Waikanae No.433
Patrick Ramos	The Coronation Lodge No.127	Simon Maennchen	Lodge Waikanae No.433
Dondie Celestino	The Coronation Lodge No.127	Kian Potts	The United Lodge of Otago No.448
Samuel Richardson	Lodge Rotorua No.153	Alec Antony	Lodge United Taranaki No.456
Isiah Watson	Lodge Waikaremoana No.158	Christian Morris	Lodge Waikato No.475
Nimrod Cali-at	Lodge Piako No.160	Jordan Sutherland	Lodge Waikato No.475
Lloyd Tadlip	The Onehunga Lodge No.168	Sina Kakhki	Lodge Matariki No.476
Juan Jacobo Jimenez Sanchez	Lodge North Harbour No.182	Simranjit Singh	Lodge Matariki No.476
Marvi San Pedro	Lodge Waihopai No.189	Manmeet Singh	Lodge Matariki No.476
Jomar Pagaduan	Lodge Waihopai No.189	Mohan Rajangam	Lodge Matariki No.476
Andrew Nepomuceno	Lodge Waihopai No.189		
Graham Hall	Lodge Omarunui No.216		

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The Last Word!

Freemasons New Zealand crossword



Solution page 7

ACROSS

- 8 What is the investment vehicle run for Freemasons, Families and their Businesses called? (Three Words)
- 10 What symbol is usually depicted on a Lodge Steward Collar Jewel?
- 11 The Third Degree Working Tools are Pencil, Compasses, and what instrument?
- 12 The Grand Lodge of Antient, _____ Masons of New Zealand? (Three missing words)
- 14 The Junior Warden Collar Jewel is the symbol of what?
- 18 What new fuel is Toyota trialling?
- 19 What is the name of Apple's new AI Feature to be released soon? (Two Words)

DOWN

- 1 What is the masonic project being trialled in Martinborough, Waiarapapa? (Two Words - first word is Initials)
- 2 Umbrella organisation for Voluntary Organisations in NZ? (Three words)
- 3 Grand Masters Cyclone Appeal went to what children's feature in Hawke's Bay?
- 4 What is the feature of a Widows Broach? (Two Words)
- 5 The Meeting Notice paper is usually called what?
- 6 Which United Lodge recently celebrated its 25 years in Levin? (Two Words)
- 7 Where is the most western Grand Lodge in Australia? (Two Words)
- 9 In which city is the Grand Installation for the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT being held?
- 13 Where was the 2024 Freemasons University Scholarships National Presentation held?
- 15 Where did the Anzac tradition start?
- 16 Which long weekend in 2025 will the Grand Installation and Communication be held?
- 17 Which Lodge has a two-year term for its Master and Officers?
- 20 Where is the Southern Divisional Conference being held this year?

SERVICE AWARDS

February—April 2024

70 YEAR BADGE

WBro Francis James Trainer PGD Lodge Selwyn No. 274
WBro David James Etheridge PM The Hawkes Bay Daytime Lodge No. 453

60 YEAR BADGE

Bro Ian Magnus Miller MM The Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge No. 23
WBro Christopher Wyn Billing P Dist GDC The Belmont Albion Lodge No. 45
WBro Arthur Norman Berman PGD The Ponsonby Lodge No. 54
Bro Alan Andrew Mason MM Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning No. 82
WBro Kenneth Alexander McGregor PM Lodge St John No. 84
WBro Anthony Thomas Waters PM The Avon Shirley Lodge No. 185
WBro Kenneth Arthur Saban PM Westminster Lodge No. 308
WBro Peter Linn McAulay PM Pegasus Daylight Lodge No. 450
Bro Ian David Greig MM Lodge Aquarius No. 466

50 YEAR BADGE

Bro Brian Leslie Woodley MM RH United Lodge of Masterton No. 19
WBro Gerhard Julius Wilkening PM Manukau Westmere Lodge No. 24
WBro Harold Hamish Hartnell PM The Ashley Lodge No. 28
RWBro Robert John Wright PGW The Belmont Albion Lodge No. 45
WBro Clifford Raymond Parker PM RH The Manawatu Kilwinning Lodge No. 47
WBro James McBean Mackintosh PM The Fortitude Lodge No. 64
WBro Earle Bailey PM Lodge Dunstan No. 103
Bro Brian Lawrence Hopkins MM Te Awahou Lodge No. 133
WBro John Edward Henry PM Lodge Tuakau No. 278
WBro William John Kerr PG Std B The Lodge of Remembrance No. 318
WBro Kenneth Hugh Munro PM The Pakuranga Lodge No. 416



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